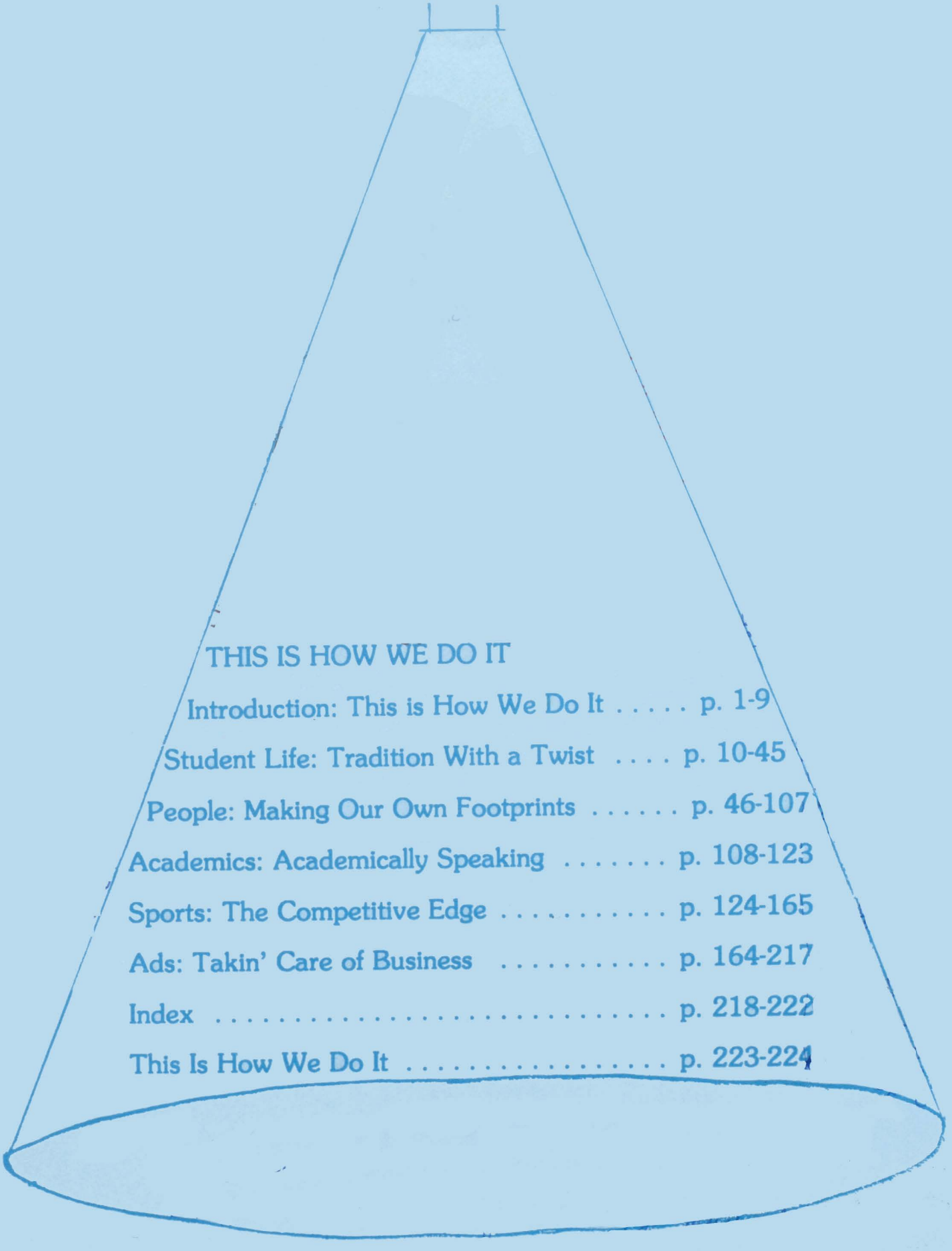

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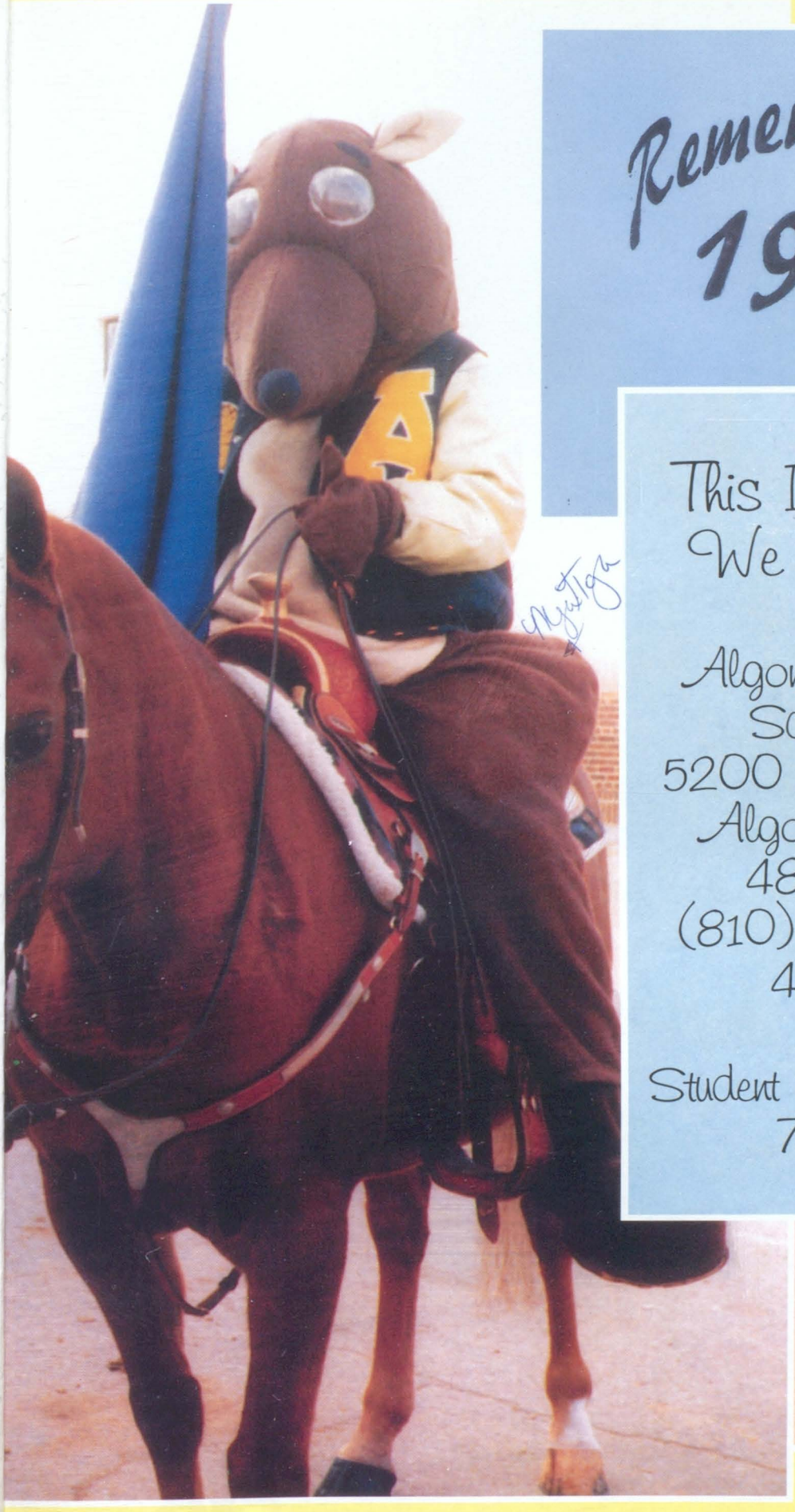
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Leading the charge, Mr. Muskrat and the Equestrian team placed fifth at State Competition on October 16. Among the many unique traditions that make up AHS, the Muskrat is one of the most unusual mascots in the area.

This Is How We Do It!

On the outside, Algonac High School may appear to be a small - yet average - high school. It is, however, what AHS does that sets it in a "league of its' own".

THIS year, some changes include the newly painted halls and lockers, ice cream and new trays in the cafeteria at lunch, and the winter spirit week during the Mr. Muskrat "festivities". The Ninth Grade Academy **IS** also a new addition this year.

The new spirit week included a Junior vs. Senior Guys Volleyball Game, dress-up days, and the traditional assembly, voting, and crowning of Mr. Muskrat at the Saturday dance.

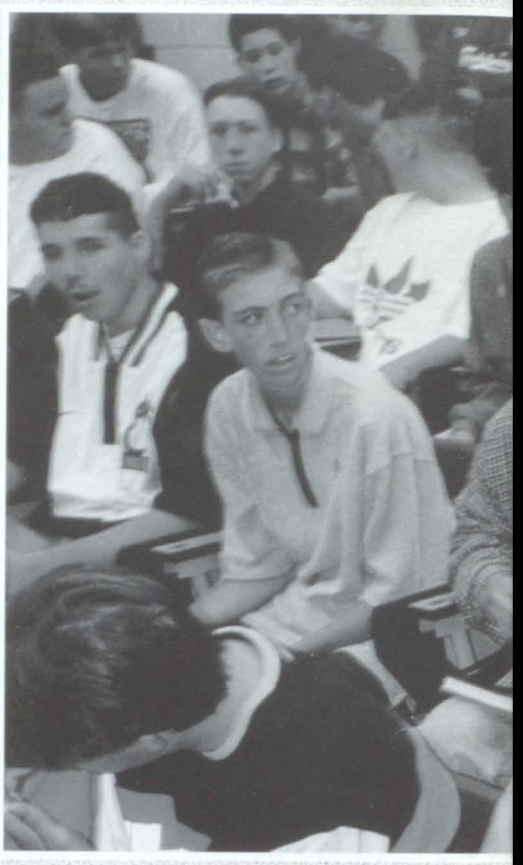
"I like the way girls' track acknowledges each sport by making a big assembly out of Mr. Muskrat," said senior Christina Coughlin.

HOWever many changes the school undergoes, **WE**, the students, continue on with old traditions as we gradually add new ones. Inside, traditional trophy cases adorn the walls of the hallway between the gymnasium and the cafeteria, honoring the excellence of sports teams, past and present. Additions of new trophies from various activities continue to fill the blank space.

Traditions persist to change and evolve as the class of '98 discovered. Aiming to be unique with orange and blue cap and gowns, the seniors found the School Board decision controversial, but also a return to the past tradition of all blue caps and gowns.

Rat Review and *Remembrance* staffs continue award-winning excellence as Spartan award-winners, and the success of the Rainbow Connection, Marching Band and the Equestrian team is prevalent considering the variety of trophies and awards brought home from various competitions.

The different activities **DO**ne by AHS are what makes **IT** what it is. Between the time-honored traditions and the ever-changing details, we continue to forge traditions in unique ways.







The "sign" of a senior . . . Angi Gerald completes the traditional signing of her name on the senior banner during first lunch in the cafeteria in preparation for the senior picture at the first pep assembly.

Far off places, familiar faces . . . After the long bus ride to Stratford, Ontario, Susan Allison, Kristin Gogolen, and Erin McNeely pause to catch a quick snack in front of the festival theater where they would soon view the production of "Camelot".

Welcome freshmen . . . Senior Amber Brackett places yet another sticker on freshmen Chris Walker as a sort of initiation in the lecture hall during first day orientation. Eric Cameron and Eric Donaldson sit back as they take in the ordeal.





Hard at work . . . Mr. Dan Shafer works along with sports page editor Christina Coughlin and staff members Andy Benedict and Sarah Cooper on the layout of their page for the second deadline of the Rat Review.



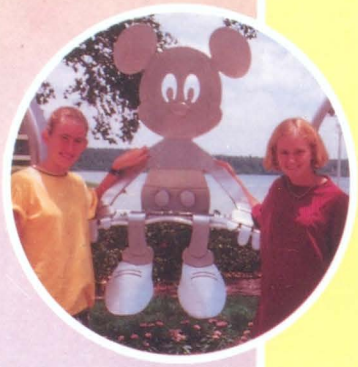
Hangin' tough . . . Courtney Pioszak prepares Annie Rockwood for battle with the traditional black "war paint" under the eyes as Angi Gerald waits her turn.



Cooperative planning . . . Mr. Dan Gilbertson, Mrs. Sharon Llewellyn, and Mr. Dan Salyer, meet with Mr. Thomas Baldwin to plan the interdisciplinary units for the ninth grade academy.



The search continues . . . first-year staff members John Gerds, Amy Hutchins, Jessica Chapman, and Hector DeSaedeleer work on a graphic search in sixth hour yearbook class.



Magic memories... On their annual summer trip to Cocoa Beach, Florida, freshmen Kelly Charlesworth and Kelly Welch take time to visit Disney World to celebrate the park's 25th anniversary.



Fun on the water... After spending a weekend on the boat and jet-skiing Cassi Bommarito and Stephanie Goral get ready to leave Mac 'n' Ray's.



Not too old for recess... Angi Gerald and Stacie Wagner spent a summer evening at the Pte. Tremble Elementary playground with friends.

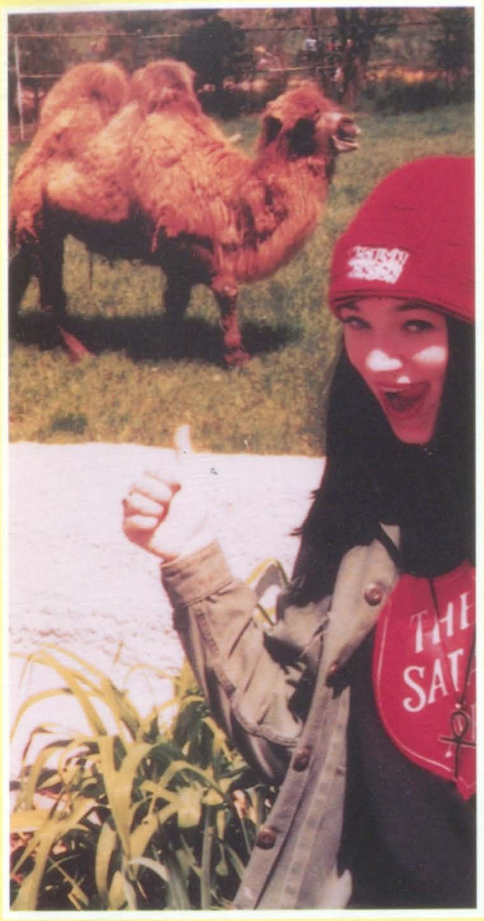
Heading North... Best friends sophomores Danielle Eder and Sarah Prudhomme spent a week at Clear Lake on their annual summer vacation. They stayed at a family cabin and spent days out on the pontoon boat.

A day at the zoo... It was a sunny day when junior Kim Sobanski, her boyfriend, and his band visited the Detriot Zoo.





Cheers and tears... On a sunny day at Cheerleading Camp seniors Nicole Cameron, Courtney Pioszak, Margeaux Peters, Annie Rockwood, Amanda Hardy, and Katy Basehore pose with their coach Mrs. Sue Zelenock. At camp the girls worked on their cheers and learned the "Men in Black" dance they performed for Homecoming.



Fun in the Sun!

They are the three most awaited months of the year. Summer! No matter how you spent your summer, you're sure to remember those carefree days of no school.

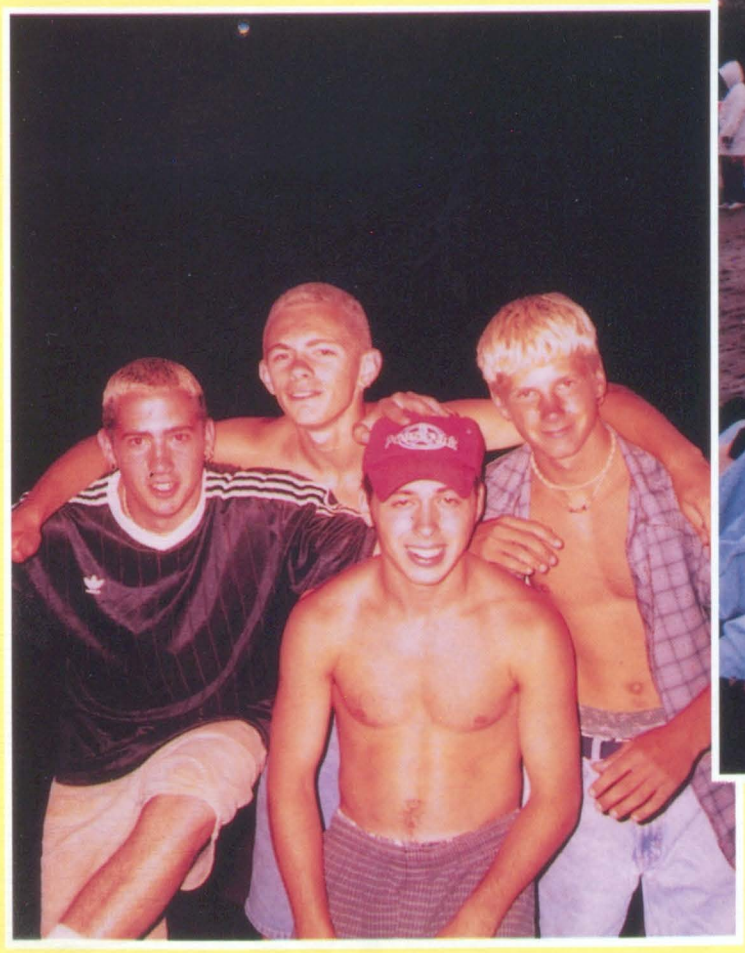
"Summer is fun 'cause you can spend a lot of time with friends," said sophomore Danielle Eder. "Sarah Prudhomme and I go to Clear Lake every year. We go swimming, boating, and camp out. It's a lot of fun."

Other students fill their summer with day trips. Going to concerts, the zoo, or just a day out on the boat were popular choices. If you had to spend your summer working it was much easier to take a day trip than take a week off work.

AHS athletes spent part of their summer at camps. Here they spent intensive days learning team work, learning skills, and getting ready for their upcoming season. "Camp was a lot of work, but it was fun. Since it was our last year leaving was kind of sad. We all cried a lot," agreed senior varsity cheerleaders Margeaux Peters and Courtney Pioszak.

Some students were gone for most of the summer. Senior Becky Gates spent eight weeks in Crestview, Florida doing mission work. During this time she lived with a host family and worked in local churches with their Vacation Bible School programs. "It was hard because I was away from home for so long, but it helped me to realize what college would be like. It was a really good learning experience for me. I never thought I liked kids, but now I know I like teaching and I like working with kids," said Becky.

Summer days of sleeping in and staying out late are sorely missed when September rolls around.





Party in the parking lot... After a long day at Lalapalooza, best friends Josh Burr, Rick Hornbaker, Loren Myny, and Robbie Bryson get ready to leave Pine Knob.

Rained out... The hill at Pine Knob turned to mud when Amber Brackett, Nicole Cameron, Corry Jobin, Annie Rockwood, Jeff Werner, and Theresa Stahl spent a rainy evening at the Beach Boys concert.

Stress and Success

Looking for challenges, thinking of college applications and preparing for college leads students to select those "tough" classes.

Ask any senior enrolled in College Comp how many hours went into his/her writing assignment and the response will be too many. According to Mr. James Holmes, College Comp is challenging because "the amount of work, the need to be organized, and consistent, and constant participation."

New additions to the curriculum are the two AP courses - Calculus and U.S. History. According to Mr. Louis Rochon, Calculus is challenging because "it is college level math given at an accelerated pace. We have a mandated set of material to cover in depth, in concept and application."

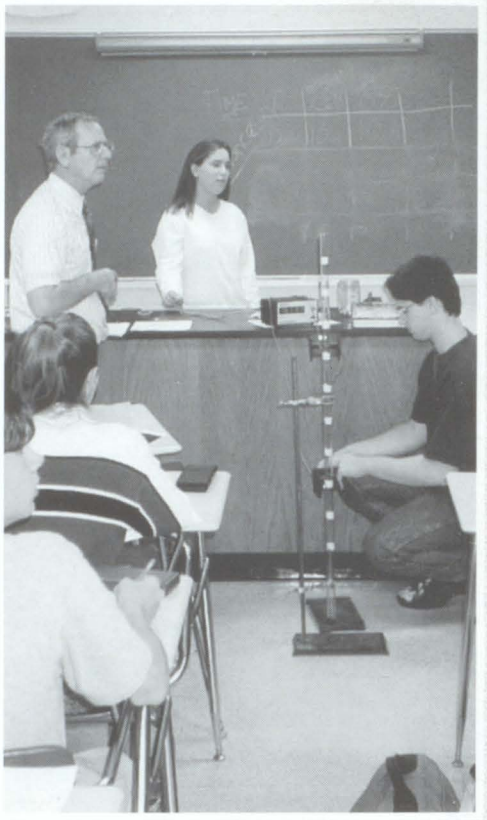
AP US History attracted the largest number of students with two sections being offered taught by Mr. Steve Young. Samantha Hallman said: "Everything is more in depth. With this history class, the question isn't "when?", it's "why?" ".

Thomas Dunlap said:"There's a lot of reading and a lot of indepth discussions, but I think the hardest part is staying on task. This class isn't just information it's application, but application requires the information."

According to Pamela Dooling, "Regular history classes do not move so quickly, and the teachers do not often assign as much reading. The advice I would give someone considering an AP class is be prepared and do not fall behind."

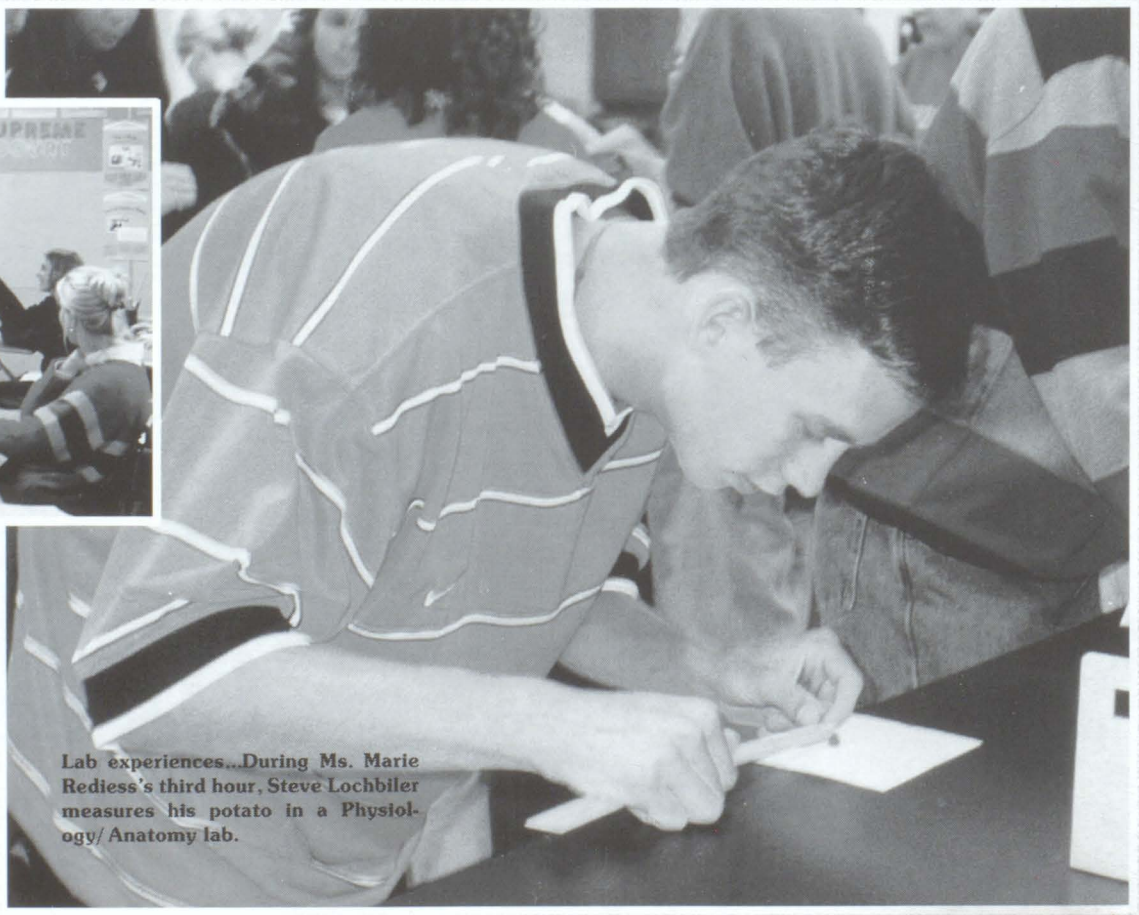
Science classes by their nature tend to be challenging. One class that comes to mind is Botany, taught by Mrs. Stephanie Urban. This was a new addition to the Science section. In order to take this class, you must have passed ninth and tenth grade Science. Mrs. Urban said: "It is challenging because you don't learn much about plants in ninth and tenth grade Biology so it is a lot of new information."

Weird Science... Mr. Jesse Sabo watches intently as Kate Dearie and Steve Vogler set up a Physics experiment.





Standing at the podium... During Mrs. Anita Shagena's Government class, Derek Reno debates a controversial issue.



Lab experiences...During Ms. Marie Rediess's third hour, Steve Lochbiler measures his potato in a Physiology/ Anatomy lab.



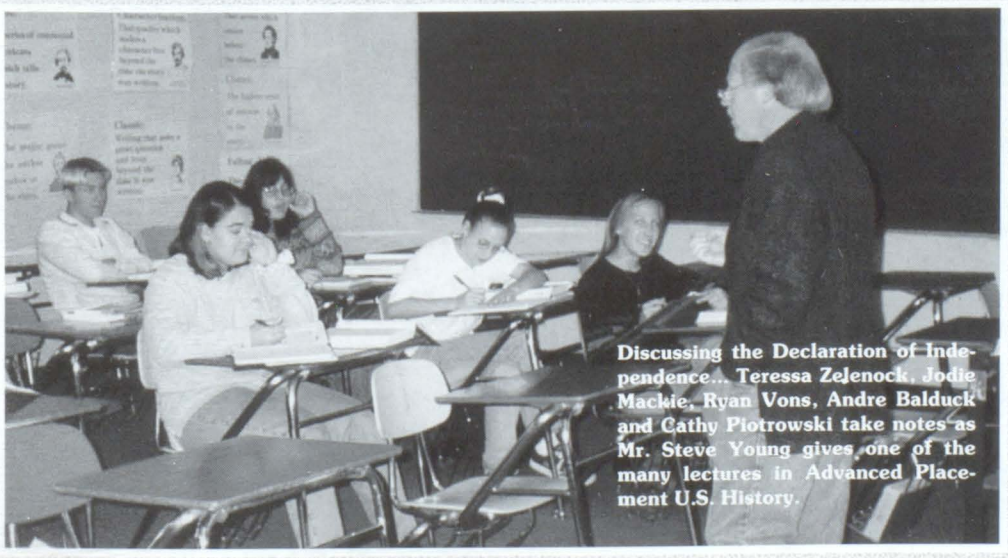
Time in the lab...Amy Sampson and Tara Nixon check the acidity and alkalinity of various substances in Ms. Marie Rediess's Physiology/Anatomy class.



"The time and effort you have to put into College Comp is most challenging."
— Jeff Arpan



"I enjoy having Mr. Greenwood as my Psychology teacher, he's a pretty cool guy."
-Ed Romesburg



Discussing the Declaration of Independence... Teressa Zelenock, Jodie Mackie, Ryan Vons, Andre Balduck and Cathy Piotrowski take notes as Mr. Steve Young gives one of the many lectures in Advanced Placement U.S. History.



"Advanced Placement Calculus is challenging because we have a mandated set of material to cover in depth."
— Mr. Louis Rochon

Spirit... Let's Hear It!

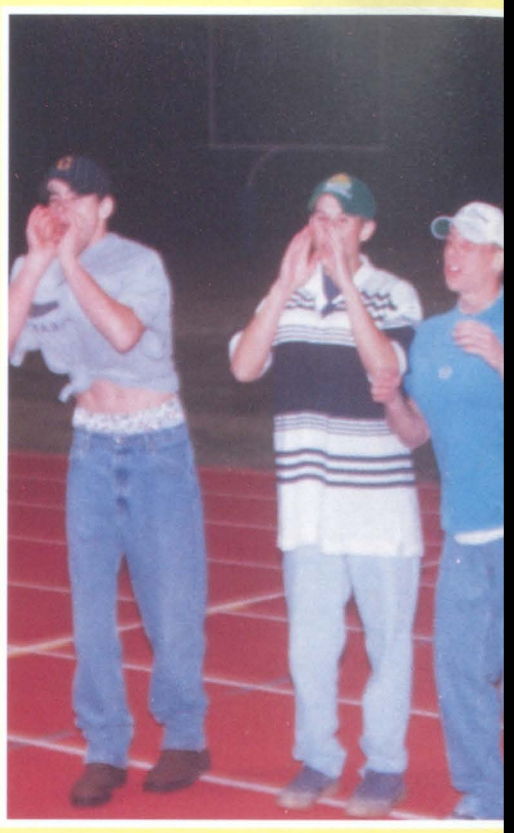
We've got spirit yes we do, we've got spirit how 'bout you? This cheer echoes loud and clear during spirit week and assemblies throughout the year. "Doing the Space Jam and Men In Black dance was a lot of fun. The people in the stands seemed really psyched and had more spirit than previous years," said Nicole Cameron.

A definition of spirit might be yelling V-I-C-T-O-R-Y at the assemblies or cheering for the athletic teams, but in this school there is so much more. Every year freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors alike dress up in funny clothes, make their hair crazy, design awesome floats, donate tons of money to the spirit string fund, and the list goes on. "Our class has been the most spirited over the last four years, but it's a shame this was the only year we could win," said Nick Duprey.

Everyone has a great time competing for class of the year and, win or lose, the experience is fantastic. "I noticed that more people are participating in the homecoming events this year, " said Sarah Fogg.

AHS added a new twist to the year with a second spirit week. It took place during the Mr. Muskrat festivities and included dress up days, assemblies, and the first boys volleyball game. This added a little excitement to the middle of the school year instead of all the fun at the beginning.

As the class of 2001 learned, high school is not only a higher level of learning, but it also has a higher level of spirit and comradery. "This year I'm not afraid to make a fool of myself because everyone else does," said Shelly Lewis.







Jump shake your booty...is exactly what Andy Boyd, Tom Funke, Rick Prudhomme, Rick Rank, and Clayton Byerly are doing at the night assembly, during half-time of the powder puff game.

Lean, mean, dancin' machines...the varsity cheerleaders throw on the shades for a spirit filled routine which included music from the Men In Black and Spacejam sound- tracks.





"The senior class this year, gets along great. Knowing that we're seniors the class gets involved in everything and there is a lot of spirit." Kim Steward



"You might have to do push-ups or sing and you might cry yourself to sleep, but it's worth it and is a lot of fun." Chris Patrias





Ready for the rumble...seniors Stephanie Zryd and Adrian Richardson are pumped up for the powder puff game, but take a second to strike a pose for the camera... say seniors rule.

We won't be beat...is the spirited seniors cheer of the year, which might even win them the mother of all contests... class of the year.



"Eating the pie boosted my self-esteem and in all, made me a far better person: Freshmen Rock." Erin Boyd

STUDENT LIFE



TRADITON WITH A TWIST

— *Tunnel at Homecoming builds spirits at the start of the game.*

— *Powder Puff begins the after-school Homecoming festivities.*

— *Class rivalry is kicked off during Homecoming and carried throughout the year.*

— *Publications office becomes a second home to publication's staff members during deadlines.*

— *Mr. Muskrat week marks the uniqueness of our mascot.*

— *School charity projects..... Walk America, Humane Society, canned food drives.*

— *Home of the first MAC League Cross Country Champions.*



Stayin' alive . . . Stopping for a quick picture, Courtney Pioszak, Stacy Wagner, Melissa Trempler, Megan Taylor, Lindsey Kulba, Angi Gerald, Sarah Nowicki, and Amy Howard sport their outfits at the Retro dance sponsored by the Juniors on Friday, September 12th from 9-12 pm.



Fast cash . . . Spirit string, part of the Class of the Year competition, helps the Yearbook earn additional cash for yearbook "extras". Second year staff member Loren Myny and co-editor Heather Rymar count change during sixth hour to "cash in" on the profits.

No pain, no gain . . . acting out a duo-scene from a one act during first hour drama, Brooke Spencer whacks Nikki DuVernay with a pillow.



New kid on the block . . . Junior Chris Zamborowski helps freshmen Michael Conaster find his locker and figure out how to work the combination during orientation day.

One Crazy Week

Spirit Week was anything but ordinary. For one whole week, students left their ordinary clothes at home and dressed as wild and crazy as they possibly could.

The week began with plaid day. For one day, the halls were filled with flannel plaid shirts and baggy plaid pants.

"Plaid Day was easy for everyone to dress up for because most people have plaid in their wardrobe anyway," said senior Kim Steward.

Following plaid day was flashback day. Their was a wide variety of costumes, from hippies from the 1960's, poodleskirts and ponytails from the 1950's, and some students dressed like they were going dancing to a 1970's disco by wearing platform shoes and leisure suits. Some students even dressed like they have just stepped out of a different century, such as senior Kerry Capadalgi who was dressed in a 19th Century dress. Kerry said," People kept staring at me and it was hard for me to get around school. The dress took up a whole aisleway in a classroom."

Wednesday came along and it was crazy hair day. Some students brought spray paint to school and spay painted their classmates's hair to get more points for the Spirit Week Competition. Crazy hair day also meant braids, clown wigs, mohawks, dredlocks,and shaved heads with designs on them.. Senior Cassi Bommarito came to school with a pink mohawk. Cassi said, "People were spraying each other's hair with spray paint and it made the halls smell. Other than that, it was real cool to see everyone with weird and different hair for a change."

Theme day rolled around on Thursday and students had to get serious and dress up as their theme to get points for their class. Monopoly money helped out the Sophomores. Some Juniors dressed up as mice for their theme, Mouse Trap, and the Seniors sold candy necklaces and bracelets for their theme and dressed up in overalls which was Candyland.

On Friday, the students were able to show their school spirit by wearing blue and gold for Blue and Gold Day. Jerseys and face paint filled the halls during the day.

"I was glad to see students and teachers dress up in our school colors because it meant that they supported us for Friday's football game," said lineman of the Varsity football team, Jason Irwin.

Phyched up seniors. . . Seniors Theresa Stahl and Annie Rockwood get a little wild and crazy with their sprayed crimped hair and ponytails. Not only did they participate by doing their hair crazy, they added some more craziness with their colorful tights and powderpuff jerseys.

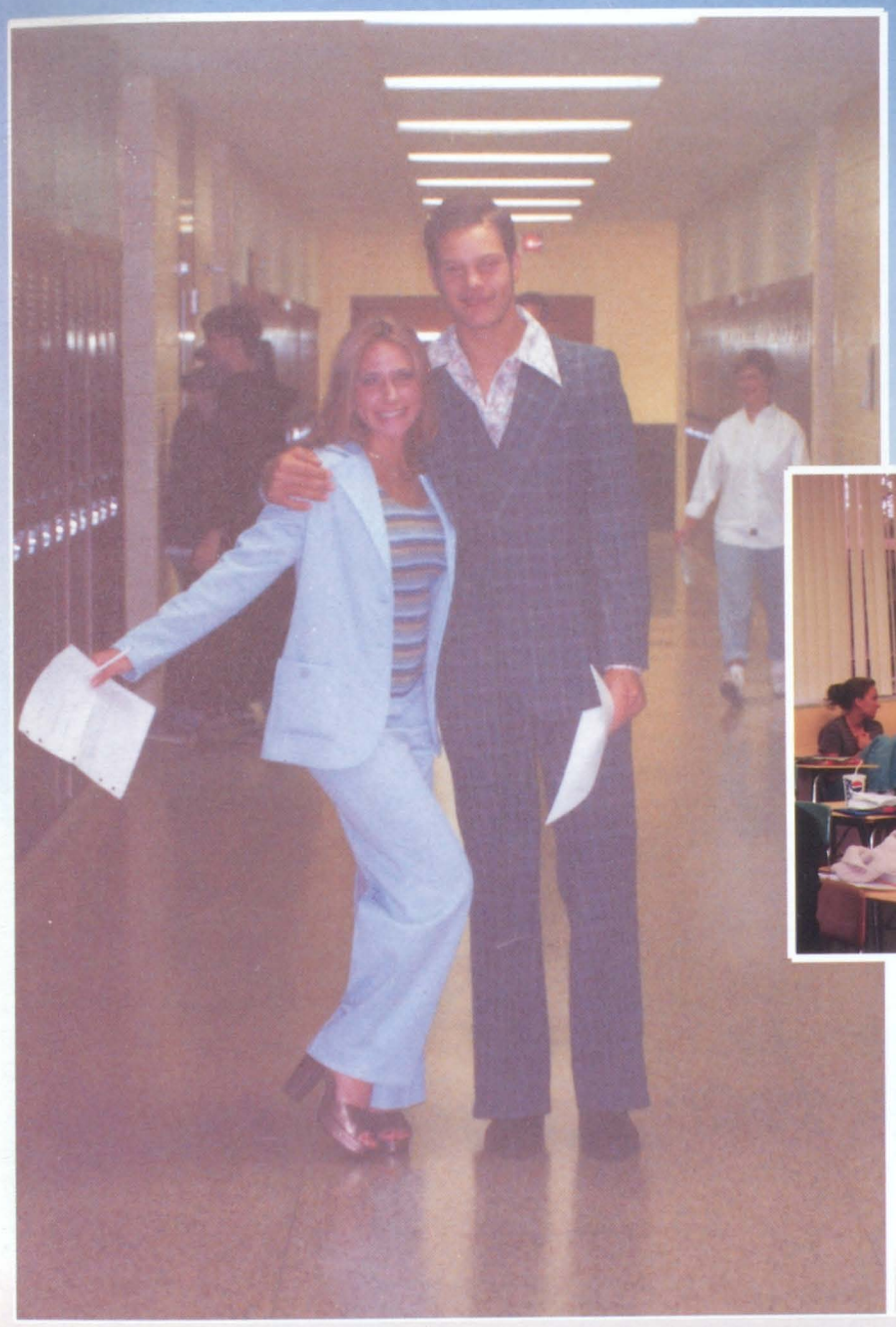




Yikes! Stripes and spikes. . . Headed to first hour with juice and coffee, seniors Robbie Bryson and Loren Myny add their own creativity to Crazy Hair Day with spiked hair and fluorescent pink stripes.

Big hair. . . Taking a few seconds out of their chemistry laboratory experiment, Shana Cadena, Liz Dearie, Kate Dearie and Sean Keller pose for a quick snapshot on Crazy Hair Day.





Strike a pose. . .Sporting leisure suits, platform shoes and a butterfly collar, Seniors Fred Makinen and Jennie Lenik stop for a quick snapshot. With Fred and Jennie's support the senior class ended up winning the dress-up portion of Spirit Week Competition with 692 points.

Class points really do count. . . During their first hour Spanish class, Sophomores Angela Thomas, Sarah Cooper, Danielle Eder and Danielle Murray stand up to be counted to add points for the Class of 2000 for the Spirit Week competition.



One big, happy family. . .Showing that they have school spirit, Amber Brackett, Mr. Shafer, Nicole Cameron, Andy Benedict, Annie Rockwood, Erica Worthen, Jennie Lenik, Margeaux Peters, Danielle Sartain, Christina Coughlin, Shannon Morris, Melanie Foster, Lori Smith, Jim Lanvers, Cassi Bommarito, Melissa Smith, Noah DeLange, Nick Duprey, and Ray Clark gather together with their crazy hair and Powder Puff jerseys for Wednesday night's game.



Let the Spirit Fly!!

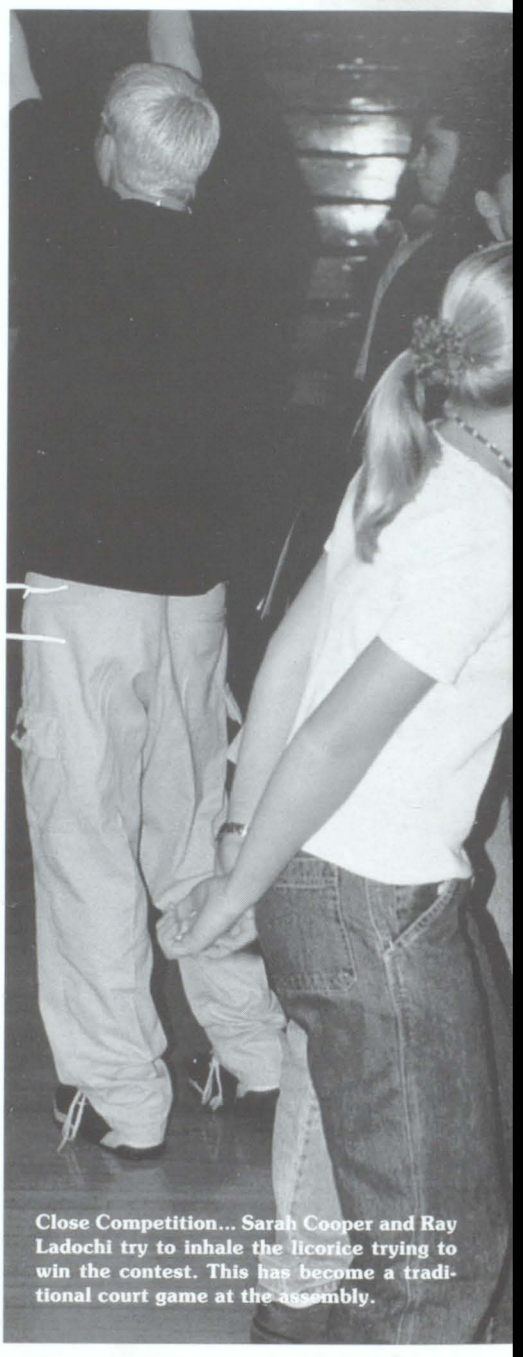
Throw open the doors and let some of the spirit out! So much spirit and so little room in our school for all of it. As the semi-finalists were being announced, students were hollering and chanting the names of those who made on to finals.

Some foolish games were played leading up to the announcement of homecoming court finalists. Games like the Chug-A-Mug, licorice eating, paperplate race, and pie eating contest. The point totals stayed close as each class won at least one of the contests.

The spirit stayed strong the whole week of homecoming. As the points were compiled, the classes stuck together trying to fight off the seniors, but the seniors remained number one winning the float contest, the spirit string contest, plaid day, hair day, theme day, blue and gold day, and era day. The whole homecoming week gave everyone a little zap of excitement. It was quite an exciting week for everyone, one to be remembered.

All of the games and contests during homecoming week and the rest of the school year are worth points. Each class gets points on participation from class members and when the class wins a game. The points at the end of the year are added up and the class with the most points wins the Class of the Year Award. Every class strives to get this award by trying to win every game played at the pep-assemblies and get as many class members to show at the school dances.

Everyone seems to enjoy the games played. It's fun for the audience to watch and it's even more fun to play the games. "I thought it was fun. I like doing stuff like the pie-eating contest," said freshman Erin Boyd. A lot of people carry a lot of confidence when they compete. Everyone wants to win. "I was confident I could win. I enjoy making a fool of myself in front of everyone," said junior Andy Boyd. The underclassmen are always out to get the seniors. Ray Ladochi said, "I was thinking BEAT THE SENIORS!"



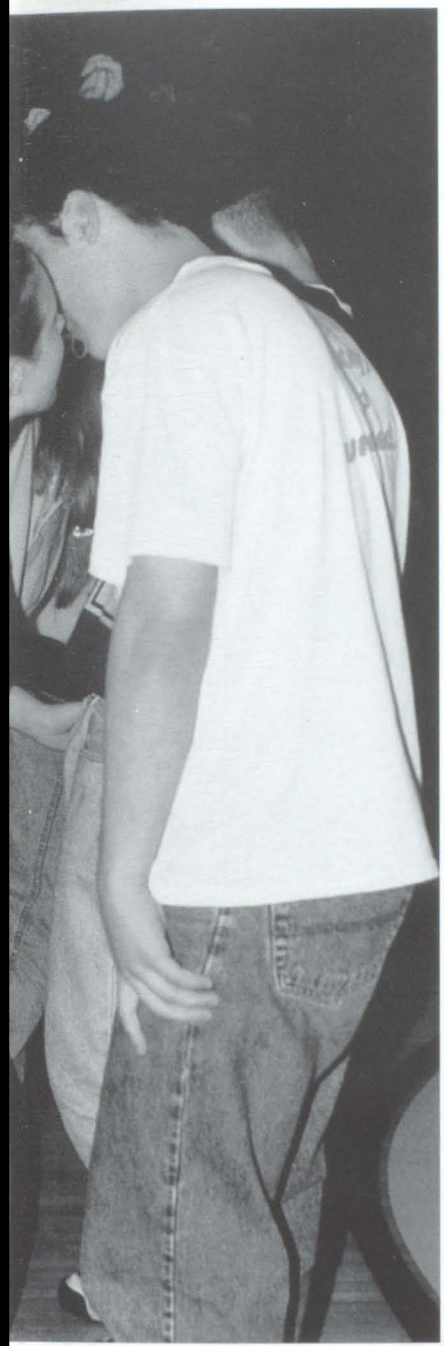
Close Competition... Sarah Cooper and Ray Ladochi try to inhale the licorice trying to win the contest. This has become a traditional court game at the assembly.

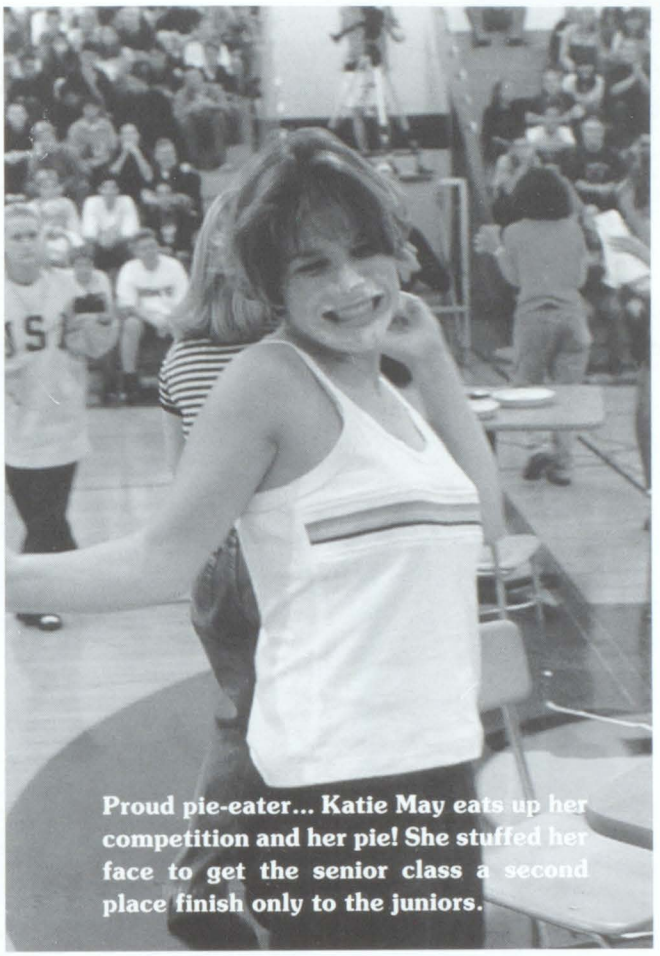


Class of '98 Semi-Finalists...*Front Row:* Stephanie Zryd, Theresa Stahl, Annie Rockwood, Katie May, Elizabeth Dearie, Kate Dearie, Lisa DeLaere, Nicole Cameron, Shana Cadena, Kim Steward, Melissa Trempler. *Back Row:* Bobby Schrader, Nathan Maroney, Fred Makinen, Steve Lochbiler, Corry Jobin, Jason Meldrum, Nick DuPrey, Hector DeSaedeleer, Dustin Boyd, Jeff Werner



Class of '99 Semi-Finalists... *Front Row:* Cathy Piotrowski, Tara Nixon, Nicole DuVernay, Amy Sampson, Elisabeth Sullivan *Back Row:* Andy Boyd, Kevin Beindit, Clayton Byerly, Anthony D'Ambrosio, Noah Weiss, Jon Pitrucelle





Proud pie-eater... Katie May eats up her competition and her pie! She stuffed her face to get the senior class a second place finish only to the juniors.

"I wanted to prove to the upperclass men that the sophomores could win!" Sarah Cooper

"I was thinking, BEAT THE SENIORS!" Ray Ladochi





Class of '01 Semi-Finalists... *Front Row:* Erin Boyd, Amy Burr, Shelly Lewis, Lindsey Meldrum, Erika Schrader. *Back Row:* Mike Dandron, Josh Dickens, Ben Dobrowski, Derek Kmetz, Dan Watson

Class of '00 Semi-Finalists... *Front Row:* Jessica Baumgartner, Kristen Schrader, Sarah Prudhomme, Sarah Cooper, Jennifer Green. *Back Row:* John Henderson, Ray Ladochi, Kevin Meldrum, Paul Meldrum, Scott Stay

Fun & Games from Start to Finish

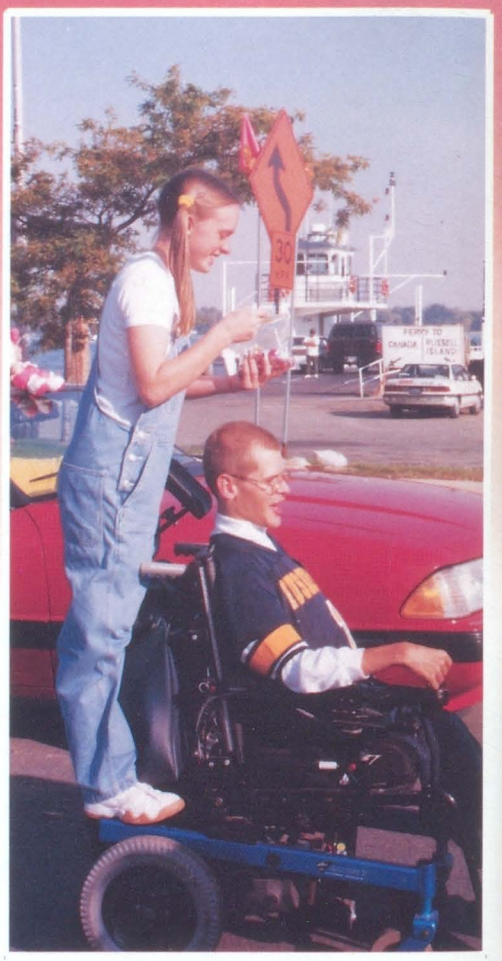
Family members, students, and the community lined up along M-29 on Friday October 3rd to catch a glimpse of the Homecoming Parade. Fortunately, for everyone the weather was warm and the sun was bright.

The marching band and fire engines came first followed by the River Queen carrying the football players and cheerleaders. This added a bit more spirit to the overall parade enthusiasm.

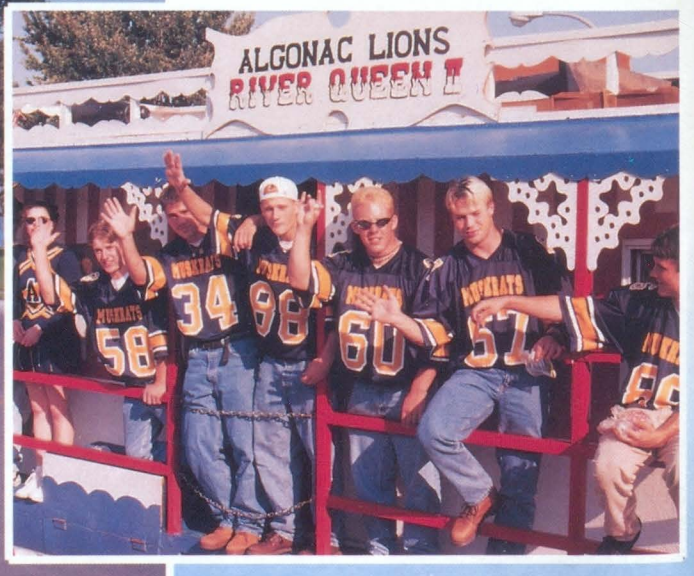
Leading up the rear, were the class floats and court members. First was the third place freshmen float with Chess as their theme. Next was the second place sophomore float showing off their Monopoly theme. Following them were the juniors fourth place float with the theme of Mouse Trap. Last, but certainly not least were the seniors first place float carrying the theme of Candyland.

Adding a new tradition to the parade, senior court members rode on individual convertibles instead of the River Queen as they had in past years. Among these were a canary yellow Mustang, a black Camaro, and a black Corvette. Senior Theresa Stahl said,"It was a good idea to have us ride in convertibles. You could see us better and it was more fun."

Free ride. . .Michelle Lupenski catches a ride with Carey Larabee while passing out candy in the parade.







Marching to the beat. . .following in tradition, the Algonac Marching Band adds spirit to the Homecoming Parade by performing a few tunes.

Overflowing with blue and gold pride. . .Members of the football and cheerleading teams kept the spirit flying high. Todd Lang, Katy Basehore, Don Schweihofer, Hector DeSaedeleer, Jeff DeSot, Shawn Martin, and Chris Laux wave to onlookers as the River Queen floats down the streets of Algonac.



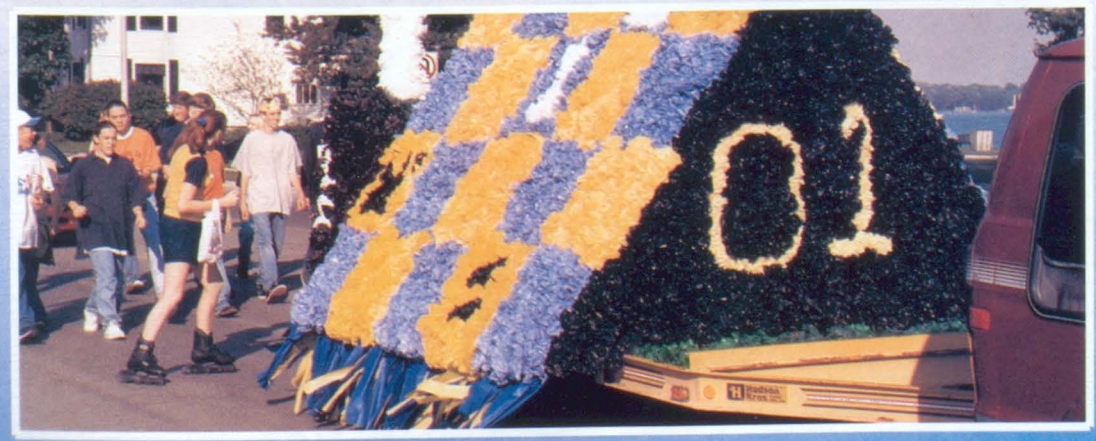
Victory definitely is sweet. . .as Melanie Foster, Courtney Pioszak, Angi Gerald, Lori Smith, and Rebecca Gates show, with the seniors first place Candyland float.



Trapping fourth place. . .juniors Stacie Parsons, Jon Pitrucelle, and Kerry Capadagli catch a ride, as their float continues its way through Algonac.



Jailing the enemy. . .with their third place Monopoly float, sophomores rollerbladed along side during the parade.



Checkmate. . .the class of 2001 captures second place with their Chess theme.

Royalty at its Finest

Traditional Homecoming half-time festivities lead to feelings of anxiety, excitement, and nervous jitters as the King and Queen candidates eagerly awaited the final results.

Queen Annie Rockwood said, "I had a blast during Homecoming ! It was the coolest feeling being able to sport the crown, I loved it !"

Shana Cadena said, "Being on court was an exciting experience that I will always remember. It gave me a sense of importance in my class."

King Jeff Werner said, "I was surprised and honored that people put me in the position of being on court with some of my best friends. It was fun to be in the parade and being a part of Homecoming."

Dustin Boyd said, "I had a lot of fun, and it feels good to know that you have that many people to support you."

Stephanie Zryd said, "I was honored and I was really surprised because I was never picked before."

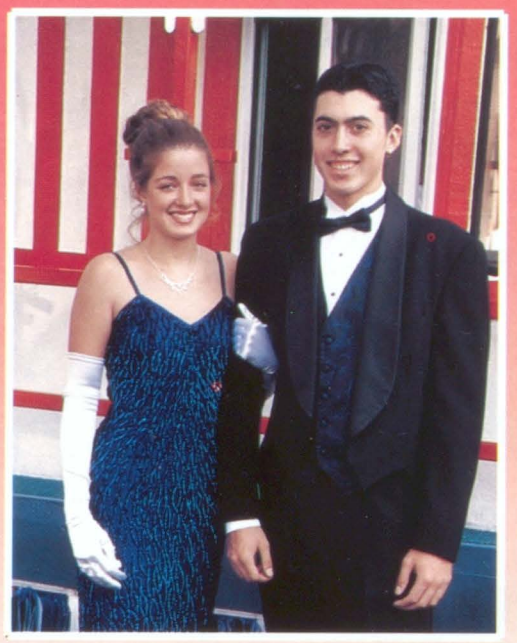
Bobby Schrader said, "It was a fun experience to go through, also a once in a lifetime experience that I will always remember."

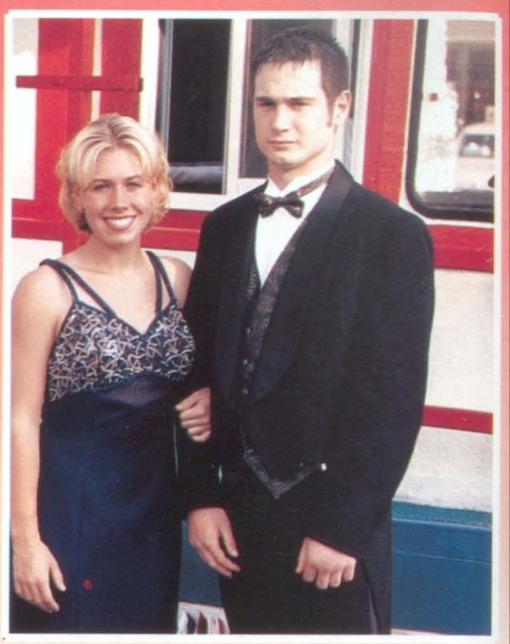
Nicole Cameron said, "Being on court was a dream come true. I had so much fun riding in the convertible at the parade and walking down the field during half-time."

Nick DuPrey said, "I was very surprised that people voted for me twice. It really boosted my self-esteem and made me a better person."

Theresa Stahl said, "I thought it was peachy-keen making top five. I got to wear an evening gown and be out on the field without having to play football."

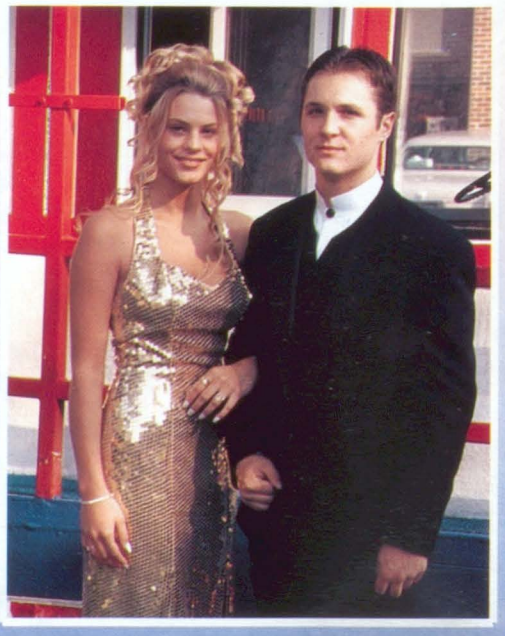
Cory Jobin said, "Being on court was definitely cool. I had a blast with some of my close friends. It was Definitely something for me, that I will always remember."



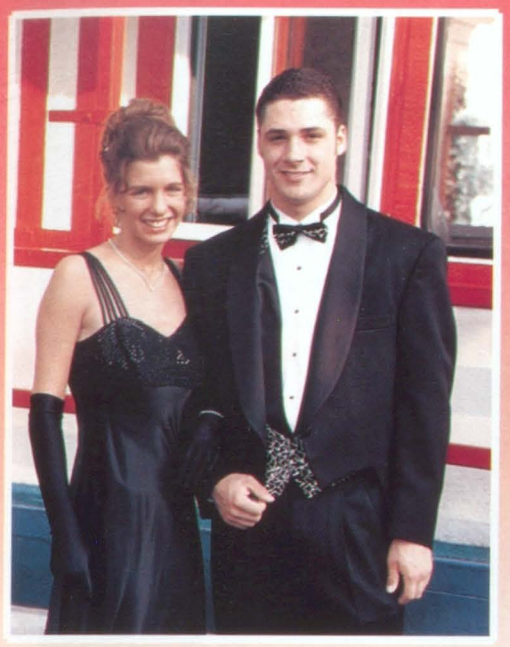


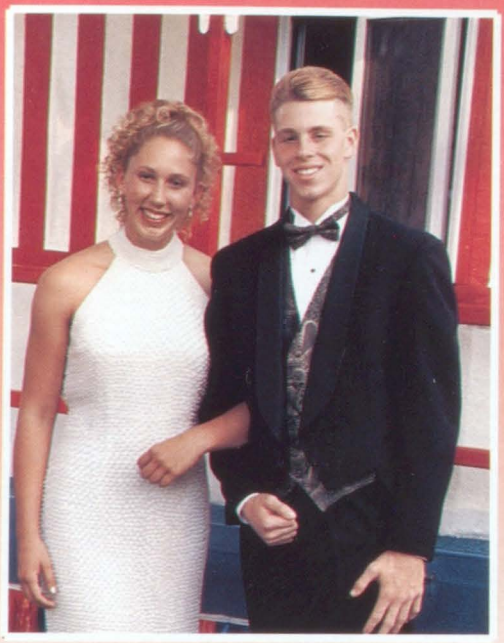






Homecoming Court Members: Kristen Schrader, Ray Ladochi, Shelly Lewis, Mike Dandron, Stephanie Zryd, Jeff Werner, Annie Rockwood, Dustin Boyd, Nicole Cameron, Bobby Schrader, Theresa Stahl, ,Nick Duprey, Shana Cadena, Corry Jobin, Elisabeth Sullivan, Clayton Byerly









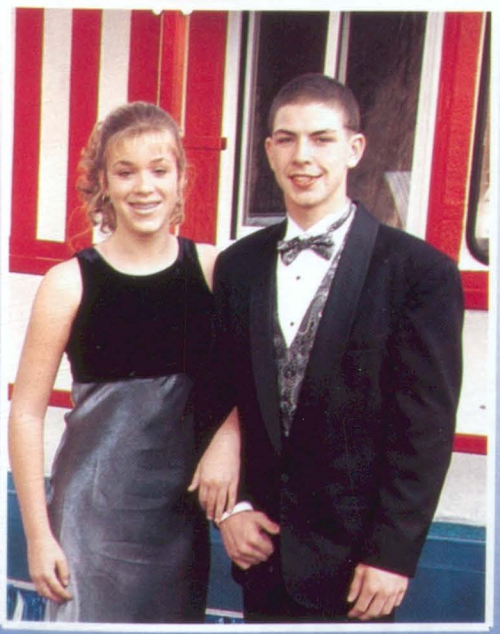


Senior Court Members:

Shana Cadena and Corry Jobin
Annie Rockwood and Dustin Boyd
Theresa Stahl and Nick Duprey
Nicole Cameron and ,Bobby Schrader
Stephanie Zryd and Jeff Werner

All smiles. . . Queen Annie Rockwood and King Jeff Werner stop to smile for the hundreds of flashing cameras.

Excited. . . Happy. . . Ecstatic. . . All these words describe Queen Annie Rockwood as she receives the crown from the 1996 Homecoming Queen, Kim Parsons.



Junior Representatives: Elisabeth Sullivan and Clayton Byerly

Sophomore Representatives: Kristen Schrader and Ray Ladochi

Freshmen Representatives: Shelly Lewis and Mike Dandron

Taking in the moment . . . Jeff Werner shakes yet another congratulating hand.

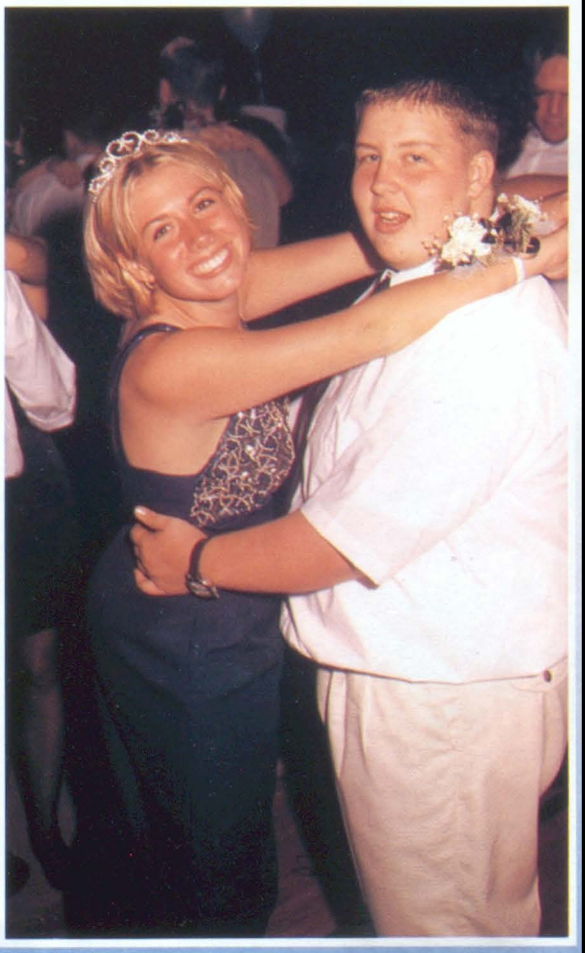


Senior status. . .at their last homecoming, Courtney Pioszak, Sarah Nowicki, Shana Cadena, and Lindsey Kulba come together for one last memorable photo to add to the scrapbooks.





Shaking her groove thing. . .Becky Besaw enjoys herself by getting out on the dance floor and showing off her moves.



Dancing with a queen. . .pretending to be king, Paul Meldrum dances with Annie Rockwood to "For You I Will" one of the many slow songs played during the dance.

Swept off his feet. . .taking a break from dancing and mingling, Nick DuPrey, and Hector DeSaedeleer, stop to take a fun picture to remember their last homecoming.



Oh What A Night

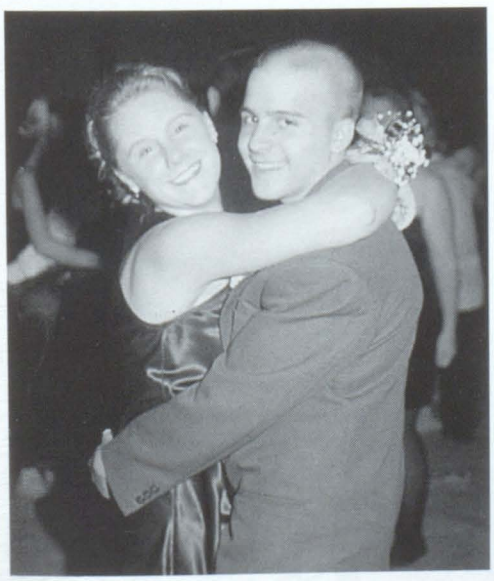
As students filed into the school on Saturday, October 4, the sounds of CAG Enterprizes spilled from the gym. Following in the board game theme the Homecoming Dance was adequately named "Foolish Games", and the court danced to "How Do I Live" by Trisha Yearwood.

Once again Student Council members woke up early to decorate the gym bleachers with their class' theme in the given time limit of two hours. Afterward the decoration committee came in to do their magic, by putting up strands of silver stars and adding a refreshment stand operated by the Senior All-Nite Party parents.

Then the big night arrived. Students spent hours choosing the perfect dress, getting hair and nails done and then finding the perfect restaurant. Jeremy Gohl went to Gallagher's in St. Clair. "The food was pretty good." Carmen Goerlich ended up at "Little Caesar's Italiano, after our reservations were canceled at Olive Garden". Sandy Pauwels ended up at Anthony's.

Then the dance. Mike Dandron said: "We went to Surf North to eat. It was fun. The dance wasn't as exciting as I thought it would be." Jessica Williams said: "It was fun. Fake smoke was cool." Nicole Haack said: "The dance was fun, except my date didn't want to dance."







Show those pearly whites. . .fancy dresses and updos are what seniors Katy Basehore, Adrian Richardson, Shannon Morris, and Stephanie Zryd are all about. Taking pictures is one popular event at the homecoming dance.

Swaying to the music. . .David Danielson, and his date Sherry Shell from Port Huron take it slow out on the dance floor.

Taking a break. . .the addition of a concession stand let students relax in the cafeteria while getting a cool drink. Sophomore Ashley Langdon was one who took advantage of this offer.

Pulling Hair and Broken Nails

Powder Puff Returns for its' Third Year



All smiles... Liz Dearie grins in triumph after the seniors' victory.

After several weeks of preparing and practicing, the juniors and seniors were ready to fight for the win. "With the experience from playing last year and the practices we had, I feel I was ready for the game," said senior Amber Tymczak. The seniors arrived early to go over plays and put up signs on the way to the field, warning juniors of what lie ahead.

The third annual Powder Puff game was held on Wednesday, October 1st. Powder Puff was started by the newspaper and yearbook classes as a fundraiser and a school spirit motivator. The game began with a kickoff at 7:00 pm, ending with a final score of seniors-16, juniors-14. Heather Castle and Vicki Boyll both scored touchdowns for the juniors, and Angi Gerald and Shana Cadena scored for the seniors. The game was close throughout the four, ten-minute quarters, won only by a two point conversion. "I had a lot of fun. It was my favorite part of spirit week," said Junior Kristy Medrano.

At halftime there was a night assembly held on the field. Students who attended the game earned points for class of the year. As in the past, the sophomores were paired with the seniors, and the juniors with the freshmen for points towards class of the year. Since the seniors won the game, the sophomores also received points for class of the year. This little "rivalry" added to the excitement of homecoming week.

As the evening came to an end, the seniors celebrated their victory as both teams gathered on the field for pictures. With the dress-up days, Powder puff game, spirit string, parade, homecoming football game, and dance, Homecoming week was one of the busiest weeks of the year, and perhaps the most memorable.



Ready for the win... juniors Sarah Donaldson and Megan Bosman, and seniors Michelle Lupenski, Kim Steward, Annie Rockwood, and Jennifer Lenik line up face to face at the 50 yard line.

Here they come... the juniors march to the field together in hopes of intimidating the seniors before the rumble.





Ready to play... senior Kate Dearie runs down the field as the guys line up to cheer the team on.

A mouth full of bananas... junior Sandy Harrington finished first in the banana feeding contest during the half-time night assembly.







Junior "Powder Puffers": Sandy Harrington, Megan Bosman, Vicki Boyll, Chantelle Gendron, Tara Nixon, Teressa Zelenock, Beth Sullivan, Kerry Capadagli, Amanda Puranen, Sara Donaldson, Samantha Hallman, Michelle Redmann, Becki Besaw, Nicole DuVernay, Justine Chontos, Tina Sykes, Hope Francis, Aricka Tuttle, Alicia Wenz, Heather Castle, Nicole Stevens, Gaby Giura, Erin Rickard, Kristin Gogolen, Melody Love, Crystal Billiu, Kristy Medrano, Elaine Holmes, Jeni Schuch, Jessica Stephenson, Melissa Veryser, Stacy Sniezek, Melissa Tabor, Cristy Owens, Jackie Hoover, Jodie Mackie, Stephanie Lapham, Sarah Fogg, Brooke Spencer, Michelle Lee, Shannon Allor, Sabrina Banks.

Senior "Powder Puffers" and coaches: Kate Dearie, Dustin Boyd, Nikki Quandt, Fred Makinen, Melissa Voakes, Melissa Smith, Nicole Cameron, Margeaux Peters, Erica Worthen, Michelle Lupenski, Amy Howard, Annie Rockwood, Kim Steward, Courtney Pioszak, Cassi Bommarito, Lindsey Kulba, Rebecca Gates, Jenny Lenik, Amanda Julien, Lori Smith, Liz Dearie, Melanie Foster, Sarah Nowicki, Theresa Stahl, Todd Lang, Amber Tymczak, Angi Gerald, Megan Taylor, Katy Basehore, Lisa DeLaere, Danielle Sartain, Stacey Bark, Tina Schulte, Mr. Dave Kochon, Brandy Carithers, Noah DeLange, Melissa Pauwels, Stephanie Zryd, Hector DeSaedeleer, Jeff DeSot.

Break a Leg. . .

As December 5th and 6th rolled around, drama students became very stressed out and nervous. Junior Nicky DuVernay said,"I was so scared I almost peed my pants!"

The first play that kicked off the Sixth Night of One Acts was *"Ghost for Rent"* directed by Amy Howard, followed by *"The Crush"* directed by Annie Rockwood. After intermission Margeaux Peters directed *"Stormin' in the Teachers Lounge"*. Lastly a crowd interaction play entitled *"Three Doors to Death"* was directed by Jim Fernandez.

First year drama student, Josh Burr states,"I was so scared that I started shaking before the performance. I was so relieved when it was finally over."

"I had a lot of fun directing the play. I never knew how much time and effort it takes to put on a production. I was excited to be picked to direct my classmates and be a part of their acting career," says second year drama student, Annie Rockwood.

On November 30th, twelve students built the set on which the one acts were performed. After spending the morning there the students ran into some problems. The set had fallen over on one occasion and almost took out some students.

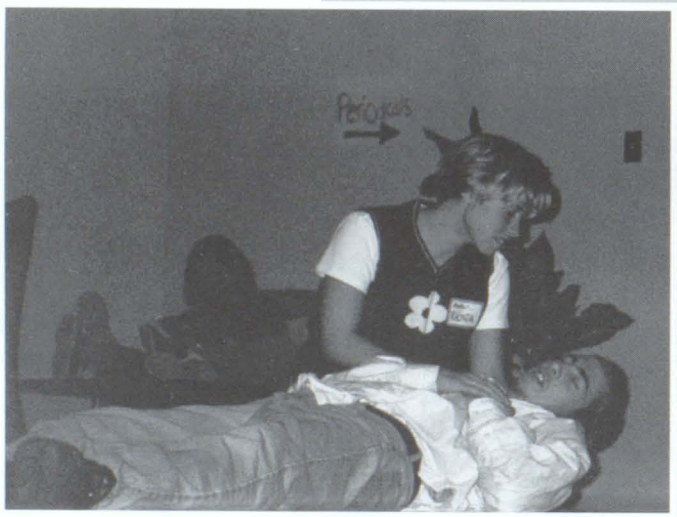
During intermission there were televisions in which a dozen teachers performed a music video to pass the time. Senior Lindsey Kulba said,"It was funny. I'm glad to see that some teachers actually have a sense of humor."

The plays are also a fundraiser for the class. Each year the plays become more popular and raise more money. The Sixth Annual Night of One Acts has financially topped every production ever done in AHS history.

Not only are the one acts part of drama but also an elementary play, a high school play, and many other activities that deal with public speaking.



"I think the play has really improved my self-esteem. I feel like a winner now," said first year drama student, Nick Duprey.



True Love... Josh Burr confesses his undying love for Annie Rockwood after getting shot by Mr. Dan Shafer in *"The Crush"*.

Pick and Choose... Jim Fernandez, Margeaux Peters, Annie Rockwood, and Amy Howard fight for the actors/actresses for the One Acts as Mr. Dan Shafer tries to keep the peace.

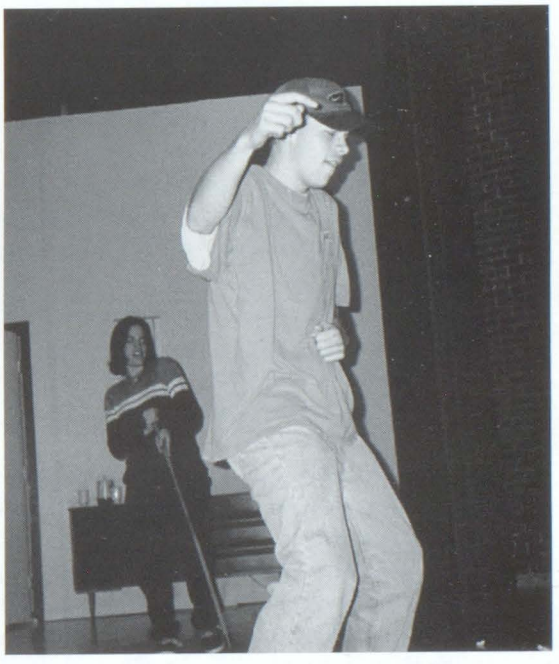


No More Stress... Nicky DuVernay, Becki Besaw, Noah Delange, Kristin Gogolen, Christina Coughlin, Amy Howard, and Stacie Wagner take a sigh of relief as they pose for a group photo.



What's Your Motive?... Jim Fernandez portrays Detective Woolrich in the murder mystery of Gordan Forrest in *"Three Doors to Death"*.





Disco Fever... Noah DeLange and Kristin Gogolen are dancing janitors in the hilarious play *"Stormin' in the Teachers Lounge"*.



Drama *First Row:* Cassie Bommarito, Melanie Foster, Melissa Smith, Amy Howard, Katy Basehore *Second Row:* Jenny Papiez, Noah DeLange, Kristin Gogolen, Rachel Vinson, Nicky DuVernay, Brooke Spencer *Third Row:* Mr. Dan Shafer, Valerie Perrin, Matt Shelley, Christina Coughlin, Josh Burr, Jenny Lenik, Shannon Morris *Fourth Row:* Margeaux Peters, Annie Rockwood, Ray Clark, Nick Duprey, Jim Lanvers, Stacie Wagner, Danielle Sartain *Fifth Row:* Andy Benedict, Jim Fernandez *Not Pictured:* Becki Besaw, Lori Smith

Rat Tracks

Fun in the Sun

With a winter dominated with El Nino's unexpected storms and mild weather, students can't wait to take a break from school and head to someplace other than Algonac. Thoughts of spring break, warmer weather, sunny days, beaches and relaxing occupy students'dreams as the grey winter days drag on.

"I just want to get out of Algonac and go someplace warm,"said Lisa DeLaere, who plans to go to Florida with Jason Meldrum.

Other popular vacation spots are Virginia Beach, the Florida Keys, Siesta Key, Florida, the Bahamas, Miami and Daytona Beach.

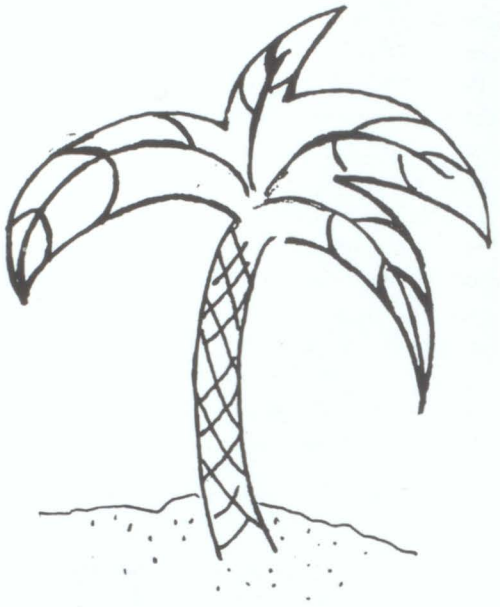
Senior Ray Clark said,"We're going to get away from the same old Myrtle Beach scene. I'm going on a cruise with my friends for eight days, with paid expenses provided by my wonderful and beloved parents." Even though some students are fortunate for their parents to pay for all of their vacation or some of the expenses, many students choose to work all year long to pay for their trips.

"My mom is paying for my cruise to the Carribean. I can't wait to go snorkeling and paresailing. I'm so excited!" said Danielle Sartain.

"For spring break, I'm going to Virginia Beach with my friends. We're planning on going to Busch Gardens,"said Sarah Prudhomme.

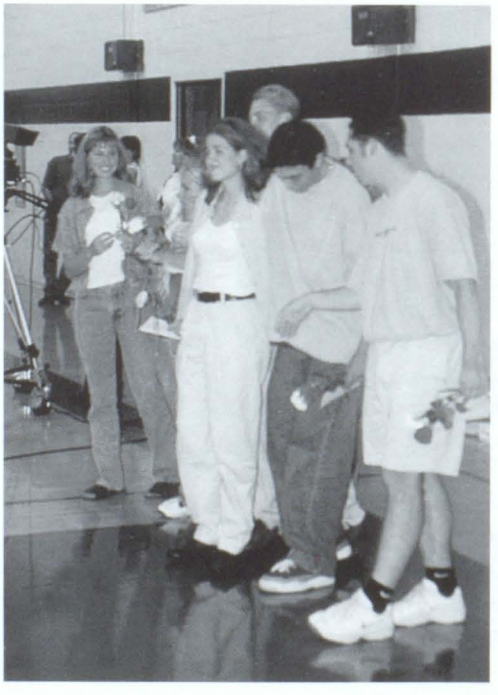
With seven months of school already completed, many are ready to take a break from homework, sports, and the every day to day routine by the time March comes to an end.

"I can't wait to get out of Algonac and go have fun with my friends," said Lynette Falkiewicz.



Controversy Hits the Polls

Controversy struck Algonac High School when rumors of senior teacher's aids helping to count the senior Homecoming ballots took flight. An unsigned letter was promptly found on the desk of Mr. Dan Shafer that was given to Student Council to decide what action to take. After being read before the student council, there were several suggestions made that were voted on at the meeting. The choices included leaving the top ten results the same, doing a complete revote, and doing a revote while keeping the current top ten, and adding a few more if the results were to change. The votes overwhelmingly reflected a complete revote, which caused an even louder raucous. "I'm tired of all the belly-aching about it (the voting). It's just a little minority that makes the whole class change- like our class colors," said senior Don Maes.



Senior nominees line up for the announcement of Homecoming court.

The halls were littered with sarcastic comments and sour faces. When the new "top ten" was announced, the conditions only worsened. Three seniors who had previously been on top ten, were not the second time around. This led to many refusals of members of the senior class to vote for top five, and many ballots had write-ins, causing them to be omitted. "I thought that we shouldn't have revoted. We should have kept the ones that made it the first time," said senior Melissa Trempler.

Mixed feelings and commotion swarmed the halls of AHS with the announcements of the top five, and still no solution remained. Despite the fast approaching spirit week, the spirit of the school was at an all-time low. The abundance of blame, excuses, name-calling and anxiety overtook the usual festive atmosphere prevalent during Homecoming. Eventually the school recovered from the ordeal, and many scars were left. This is just one more obstacle that Algonac High School has had to overcome in the 1997-98 school year.

All This Hassle for a Tassel

Once again the class of '98 has found itself surrounded by controversy. After a vote in the spring of 1997 the class cap and gown colors have been rejected. Beginning with the class of '98 all seniors will graduate in solid blue instead of the tradition of graduating in their class colors.

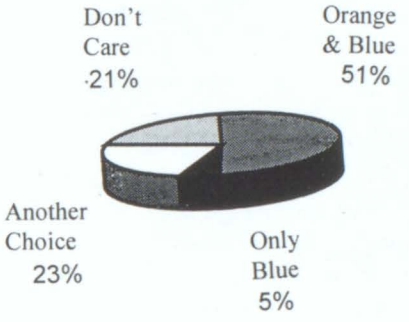
People on both sides of this issue have had a lot to say. Letters to the editor of the *Rat Review*, petitions, and phone calls from parents have been major topics of discussion since the beginning of the year.

Senior student council met a week before school got out last spring to decide on the choices for class colors. The five color combinations were approved and put on ballots to be passed out in the U.S. History classes. Because most, but not all of the then juniors had a U. S. History class, a reminder was put on the morning and afternoon announcements to further encourage those who had not yet voted to vote. After the ballots were collected and counted, the winning combination was announced; Blue and Orange.

The results of the voting prompted much controversy. From parents, students, and school officials alike. At the end of it all a final decision was made. From now on all seniors will graduate in solid blue only and will not get the chance to vote. "Essentially we want to standardize the ceremony to make sure it maintains it's quality and dignity," said Principal Thomas Baldwin.

This decision did not end the arguing, but instead brought on even more emotion over the subject and raised a few new issues. "Blue and orange won, therefore it should have been kept. What ever happened to democracy?," said senior Ben Clark.

The Cap and Gown Preferences of the Class of '98



Educational Experiences Expand Horizons

Washington DC- For the third year in a row, Ms. Anita Shagena has organized the Close-up trip to Washington D.C. This time, only five students attended, which is about 1/4 the number of last year's participants. As in past years, the students sold "Humanitees", Morley candy, and tried something new: hat day, in which the students bought stickers to be allowed to wear a hat.

Juniors Mike Vigneron, Mike Zamesnik, Cathy Piotrowski, Vicki Boyll, and Jodi Mackie attended the session beginning on Sunday, March 15th, ending Saturday, March 21st. During their stay, they visited many government buildings and monuments, and attented lectures and seminars, and explored Washington D.C. "I'm looking forward to seeing the nation's capital and seeing our government in action", said Vicki Boyll.

Two days were open for the students to tour the area at their leisure. Upon their arrival on the first day, Ms. Shagena took them on a tour through the National Gallery of Art, and on the Supreme Court and Capital Building walking tour. One of the last days was also a "free day" in which the students had the option of visiting any place they chose. Some popular sites included the Holocaust Museum, Hard Rock Cafe, and a special White House tour in which Congressman David Bonior was able to obtain special tickets for.

The students stayed in the Holiday Inn in Chevy Chase, Maryland with students from various places around the United States. Most of the students were paired with someone from Algonac, and two people from another state. This allowed the students to meet people from different areas and make new friends. "It (Close-up) gets the students behind the scenes, goes beyond simple tourist attractions and is very interactive," said Ms. Shagena.

ENGLAND- On what started as a typical day in Mrs. Sandra Bade's English Lit class the idea for a trip to England was born. While watching a informational video about Scotland to accompany the reading of *MacBeth* a student, half jokingly, suggested a field trip.

Mrs. Bade, no stranger to field trips, takes her students to Stratford and Meadowbrook several times a year. After hearing the suggestion she did some research over the summer on student travel groups that tour the British Isle.

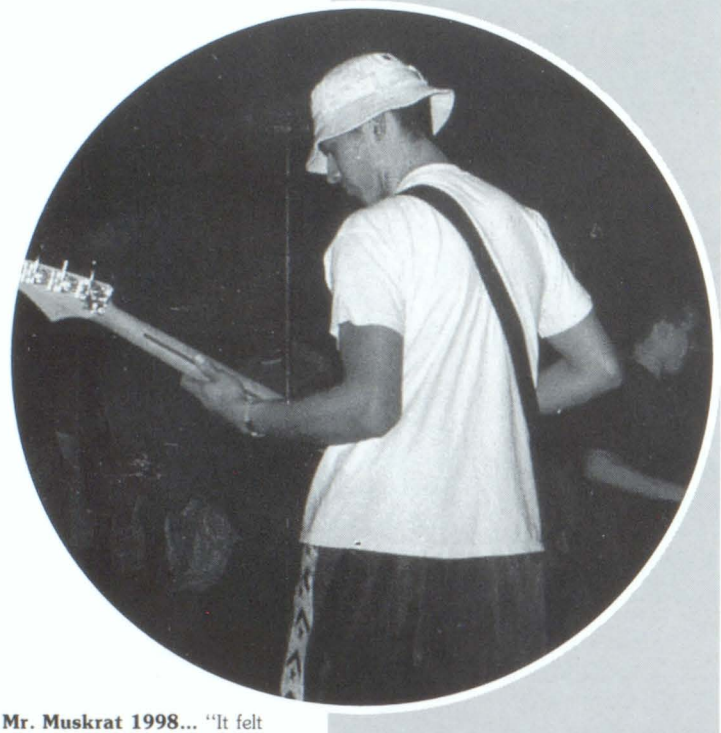
When classes resumed this fall Mrs. Bade continued to talk to interested students about the possibility of such a trip. "I was really interested in going. For me traveling is a way of learning and experiencing life. Because of our closed environment here, I'm interested in seeing how things are else where," said senior Becky Gates. Meetings were held after school to discuss options and different tour programs. The interested students voted and the trip was planned.

The group will leave on June 19th and arrive in London the next day. During their 12 days abroad the group will spend time in both England and Scotland making stops at Stone Henge and to the Shakespearean theater. The trip also offers a guided ghost walk during the night through the dark streets of a Scotland town.

The small group going consists mostly of juniors and seniors, Lisa Lane a 1997 Algonac High School graduate will also be attending the trip. "I decided to go because I wanted to find out more about the country. I'm really looking forward to the traditional Scottish dinner," said junior Jacob Bryson.

"I hope the students will enjoy this experience," said Mrs. Bade,"I don't think we'll be doing this next year, the trip is costly and not many students signed up."

Controversy Strikes Annual Mr. Muskrat Assembly



Mr. Muskrat 1998... "It felt good to be chosen as Mr. Muskrat, but it's too bad I'm the last one ever," said senior Corry Jobin.

This exciting Mr. Muskrat assembly was held on Thursday, February 5, 1998. The gym was filled with the anticipation and excitement of the biggest assembly all year. To start things off, the 51 Mr. Muskrat participants had their usual runway walk, followed by seven skits and a performance by two bands: Girls On Top and Manifest Destiny.

Fred Makinen and Steve Lochbiler's, cereal eating skit filled the crowd with laughter. " I enjoyed being a part of the Mr. Muskrat assembly," said Fred Makinen. Also, teachers Ms. Kathleen Mellon, Mr. Dave Kochan, Mr. Mark Simms, Mr. Dan Salyer, Mr. Dan Gilbertson, and Mr. Scott McIntyre were showed their creative sides and dressed up as the kids from South Park. " It showed great acting ability and dedication to the theater," said Mr. Mark Simms.

While one of the bands performed, some students in the bleachers and on the floor began mosh pitting. This problem has been getting worse each year, which is also very dangerous to the students involved in these events.

Mr. Sam Dobbs said, "They've gotten away from the orignal meaning of Mr. Muskrat. Enough is enough." Mr. Dan Shafer said, " I think the girls track did a nice job setting up and putting on the assembly. Most of the candidates did a nice job, although the crowd could have been receptive to all of the young men and women on the stage. As for further assemblies, when the lights came up early, I knew it was the last Mr. Muskrat assembly I would ever run."

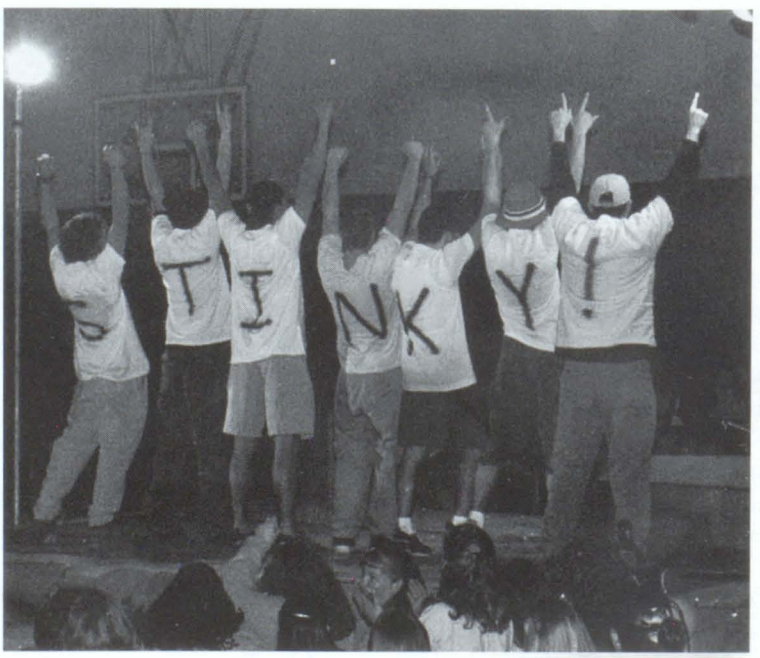
Senior Amber Tymczak said, "The assemblies held in the previous years were better. The students weren't as rude."

After an exhausting spirit week, students gathered at the Mr. Muskrat dance on Saturday, February 7. It was a semi-formal dance put on by the junior class. The five candidates eligible to be crowned Mr. Muskrat included Bobby Schrader, Corry Jobin, Nick DuPrey, Fred Makinen, and Steve Lochbiler. They were all escorted across the floor and the winner was announced as Corry Jobin: Mr. Muskrat 1998.



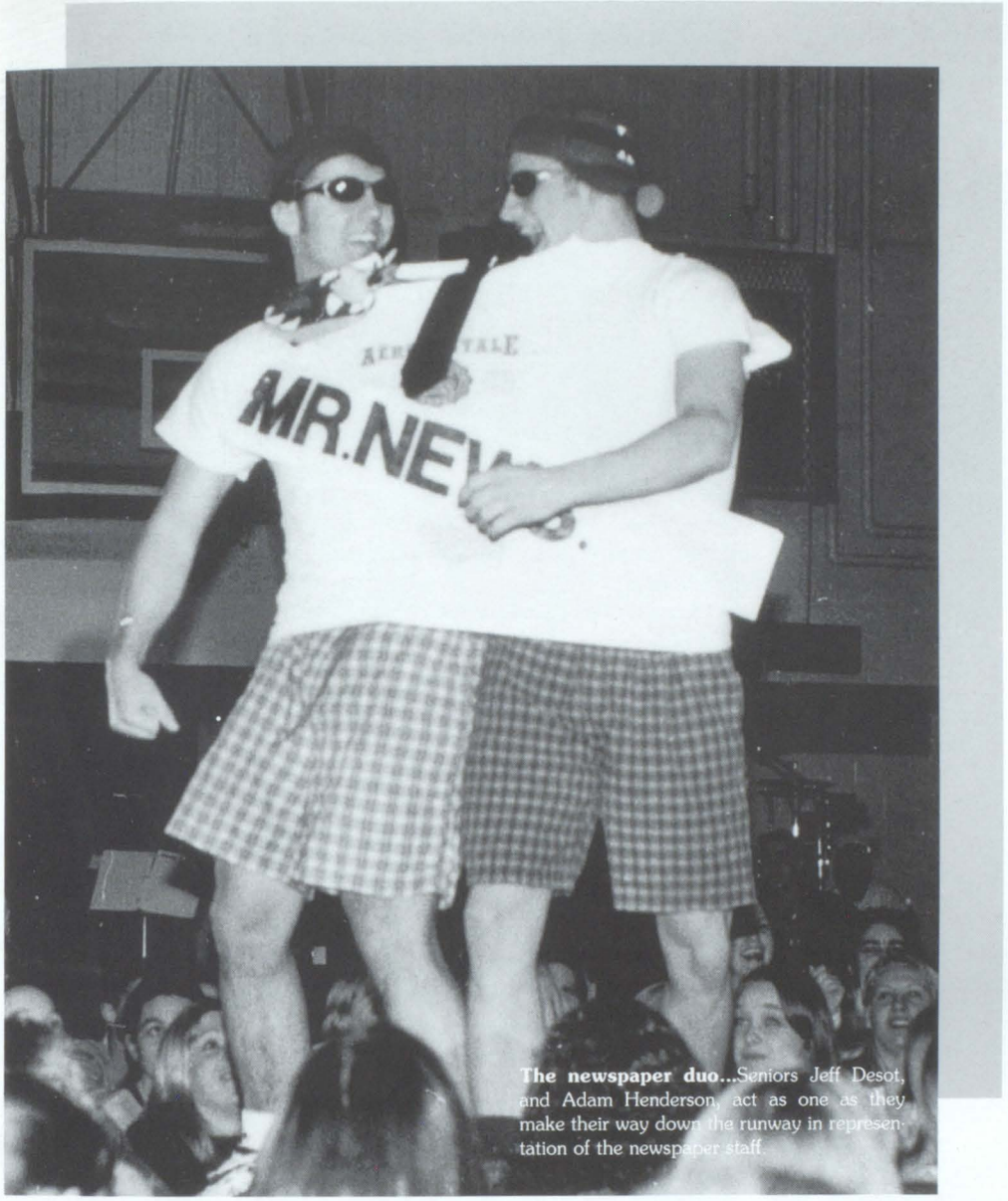
Go Muskrats Go... cheers senior Bobby Schrader as he dresses in full costume complete with a wig, makeup and Varsity Cheerleading uniform.

Public confession...First semester Government students reveal the kidnappers of Ms. Shagena's prized skunk Stinky, which she is notoriously known to bring out on Fridays when the students offer current events that she refuses to accept.



Mr. Muskrat Candidates

Special Delivery- Marie Fontana
Newspaper- Adam Henderson and Jeff Desot
Boys Cross Country- Rick Hornbaker
Girls Cross Country- Chris Zamborowski
Freshman Girls Basketball- Chris Patrias
JV Girls Basketball- Fred Makinen
Varsity Girls Basketball-Steve Lochbiler
Girls Track- Chris Laux
Boys Track- Dustin Boyd
Equestrian- Josh Burr
Rainbow- Aaron Fritz
Science Olympics- Noah DeLange
Drama- Matt Shelley
Quiz Bowl- Mike Zamesnik
JV Football- Butch Ziehmer
Varsity Football- Andy Boyd
JV Cheerleading- Dan Watson
Varsity Cheerleading- Bobby Schrader
Bible Club- Andy Benedict
National Honer Society- Ben Clark
Varsity Club- Nick DuPrey
Dance Team- John Runde
JV Boys Basketball- Paul Meldrum
Varsity Boys Basketball- Jason Gontarek
SADD- David Deitz
Marching Band- Graham Puranen
Symphonic Band- Doug Blanton
Jazz Band- Ian Conyers
Color Gruard- Jon Jackel
Soccer Girls- Tom Belemonti
Soccer Boys- Anthony D'Ambrosio
JV Baseball- Rob Sampier
Varsity Baseball- Paul Labelle
Freshman Volleyball- Nathan Rhadigan
JV Volleyball- Zac Sharrow
Varsity Volleyball- Robbie Bryson
Overall Student Council- Ray Clark
Wrestling- Pat Thomas
JV Softball- Jayson Breitmeyer
Varsity Softball- Jeff Werner
Senior Class- Corry Jobin
Junior Class- Noah Weiss
Sophmore Class- Scott Stay
Freshman Class- Russell Grafton
Golf- Clayton Byerly
Gathering Club- Roger Lewis
Boys Tennis- Tim Ulman
Girls Tennis- Nathan Maroney
Mr. Teacher- Mr. Scott McIntyre
Mr. Hall of Fame- Mr.Jesse Sabo



The newspaper duo...Seniors Jeff Desot, and Adam Henderson, act as one as they make their way down the runway in representation of the newspaper staff.



Mad Scientist...Mr. Jesse Sabo was elected by the teachers as Mr. Hall Of Fame after his fifth appearance as Mr. Teacher.



On the Catwalk... Mr. Scott McIntyre makes his way down the runway as Mr. Teacher.

Winter Activities Increase Spirit...

In an attempt to boost school spirit Student Council sponsered a second spirit week beginning February 2.

Throughout the week students and teachers participated in a variety of activities. Monday was crazy hair and plaid day, Tuesday was 80's or 90's music group day, Wednesday was college sweatshirt day, Thursday was color day, and Friday was blue and gold day. Margeaux Peters said " The outcome of the spirit week wasn't that great of a turnout. People participated but I think kids are getting tired of having the same dress up days, It takes the fun out of it."

The highlight of the week was the annual Mr. Muskrat assembly. However, the assembly held February 5 soon dissolved into controversy when it was stopped at 2:20. "The early dismisal was B.S. The band still had more to play and we had more time to get crazy,"Clayton Byerly said.

" I feel the early dismisal wasn't fair. We were just having fun," said Robin Hornbaker.

" I don't think it was right for them to call it off early. They had us under control. Teachers were down by the mosh and the mosh was only in one spot. They should have let the band play to the end," said Greg Walczak.

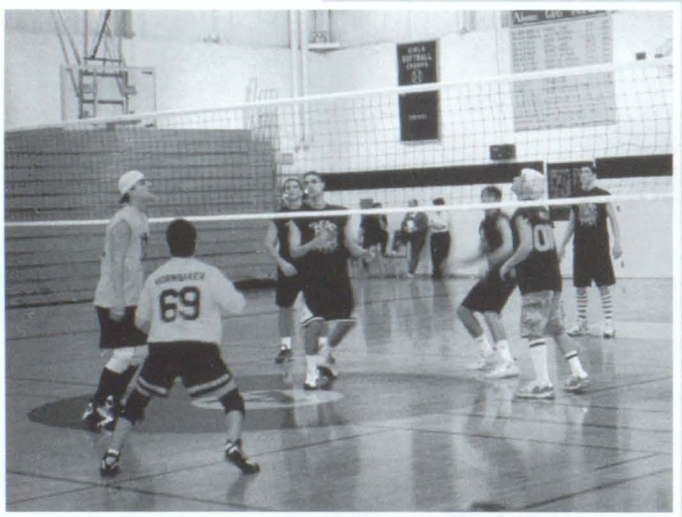
Something new has come to AHS this year. That is the Senior vs. Junior guys volleyball game. This game took place on Thursday February 26 at 7:00 p.m. Many anxious guys have waited for this for a long time.

"The idea for the junior and senior boys volleyball game came from a MACSAC meeting at Anchor Bay High School. We know that a lot of the guys like to play volleyball so we added this to the school year. It was kind of unfair to have Powder Puff for the girls and nothing for the guys," said senior Nicole Cameron.

The juniors triumphed over the seniors in the first-ever Junior vs. Senior guys volleyball game, winning two out of three games. The juniors won the first game 15 - 10. The seniors came back in the second game for a 15 - 5 win, and the juniors sealed the win, winning the final game, 15 - 6.



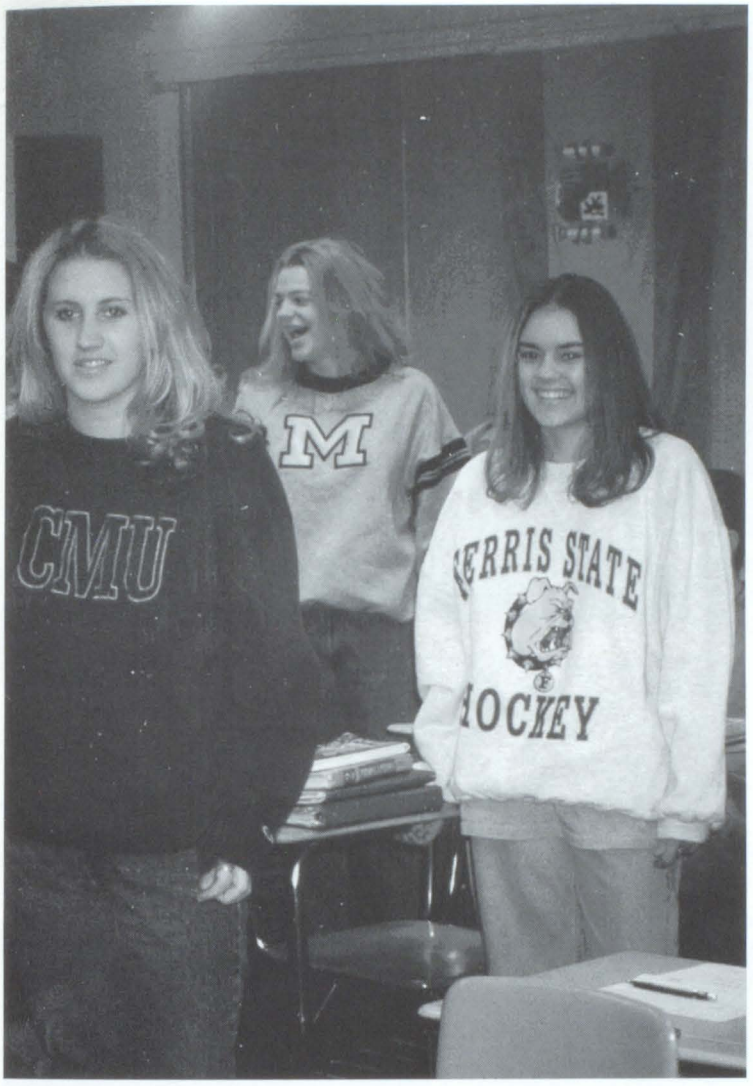
Firing up... seniors Nick DuPrey, Jayson Breitmeyer, Corry Jobin, Ricky Hornbaker, Jeff DeSot and Chuck Lobert rally together to overcome the point deficit.



Up for grabs... seniors Ricky Hornbaker and Hector DeSaedeleer prepare to hit the ball back after a bump by junior Zac Sharrow as Sam Dobbs, Kevin Beindit, Clayton Byerly and Andy Boyd await the return.

Showing his school spirit... senior Robbie Bryson walks out on to the catwalk sporting a home-made T-shirt as the representative for J.V. Volleyball.

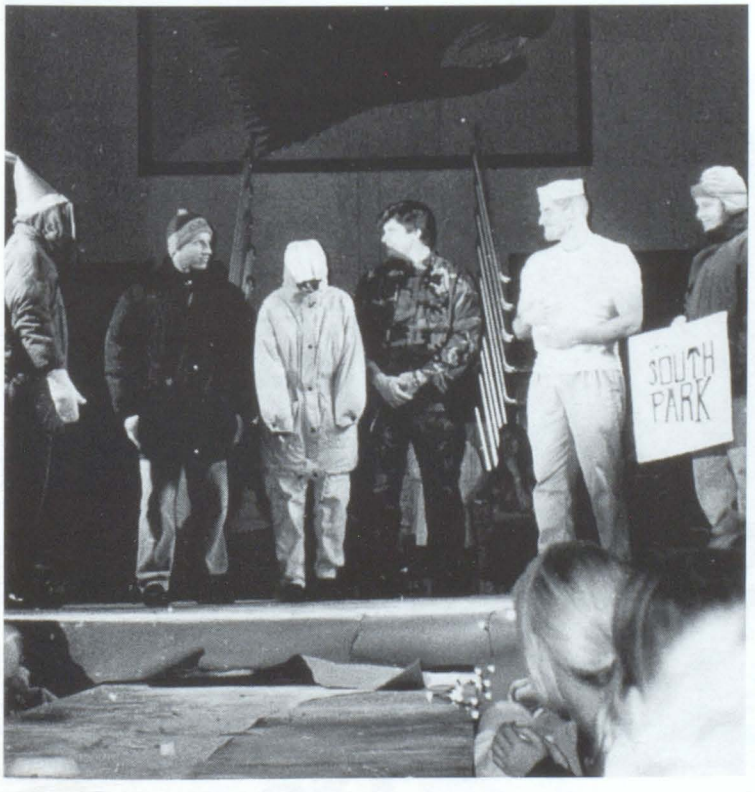


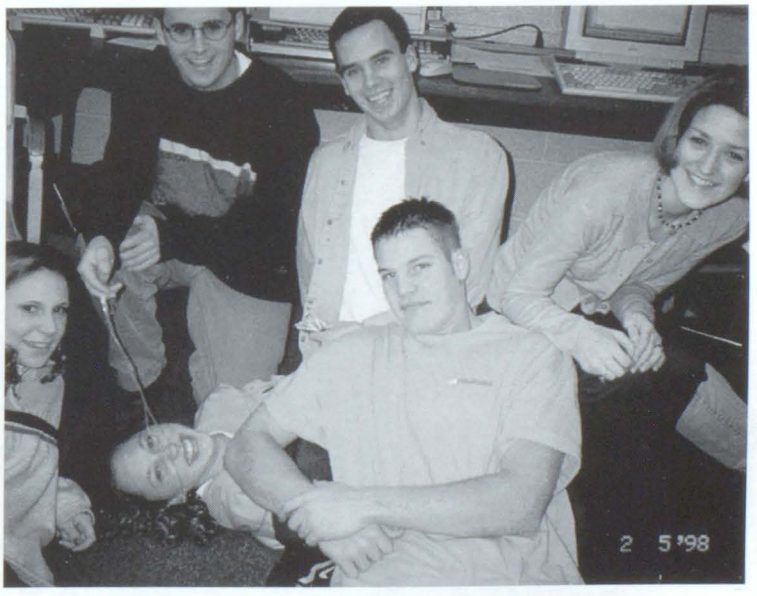


College day...sophomores Meggen Morrow, Amy Letourneau, and Danielle Murray show their school spirit by wearing their college sweatshirts during spirit week.

Tearing it up... band member and Mr. Muskrat King Corry Jobin plays his base guitar with band member, Brian Brockmiller.







South park mania... the teachers sing hanky the Christmas pooh the way it should be sung.

Up to no good... Ray Clark, Steve Lochbiler, Cassie Bommarito, and Fred Makinen wrap up the helpless Nicole Cameron with saran wrap on class color day.

The Muskrat Clubs

What does one mind think of regarding Varsity Club, Quiz Bowl, and Science Olympiad ? The first thing that naturally comes to mind are the clubs of A.H.S. Quiz Bowl and Science Olympiad, focus more on knowledge. After its' long overdue return, Varsity Club makes its' way back. There are many different things in these clubs that are fun. They could possibly help you learn something, or make a difference. The advisors of Varsity Club are Ms. Karen Jones and Ms. Kathleen Mellon. For Science Olympiad, the advisor is Ms. Deborah Fenton, and the advisor for Quiz Bowl is Mr. Louis Rameau.

Quiz Bowl, although it is considered a club, is an academic team. Quiz Bowl has been in existence for many years. "We compete against area high schools in league competitions with a year end tournament," said Mr. Louis Rameau. Quiz Bowl members can earn Varsity letters for Varsity competition.

Science Olympiad is another club that deals with knowledge. Science Olympiad was originally started by Mr. Jesse Sabo and has been taken over by Ms. Fenton. "Anyone can be a member, but you must work to keep your membership," said Secretary Kelly Langdon. The officers of Science Olympiad are: President Ray Clark, Vice President Gary Altman, Secretary Kelly Langdon, Treasurers Stacie Sniezek, and Sergeant at Arms is Kristin Gogolen.

Varsity Club is an exclusive club for letter holders only. Varsity Club is run by the student athletes who hold office, but is sponsored by Ms. Mellon and Ms. Jones. Varsity Club has in the past gone skiing and helped out at most or all sporting events.

Ms. Karen Jones said, "All of the members of Varsity Club including the advisors all try to be role models for younger athletes. We try to teach them the importance of being physical, smart, and competitive, but also to make sure that they show good sportsmanship as a team."



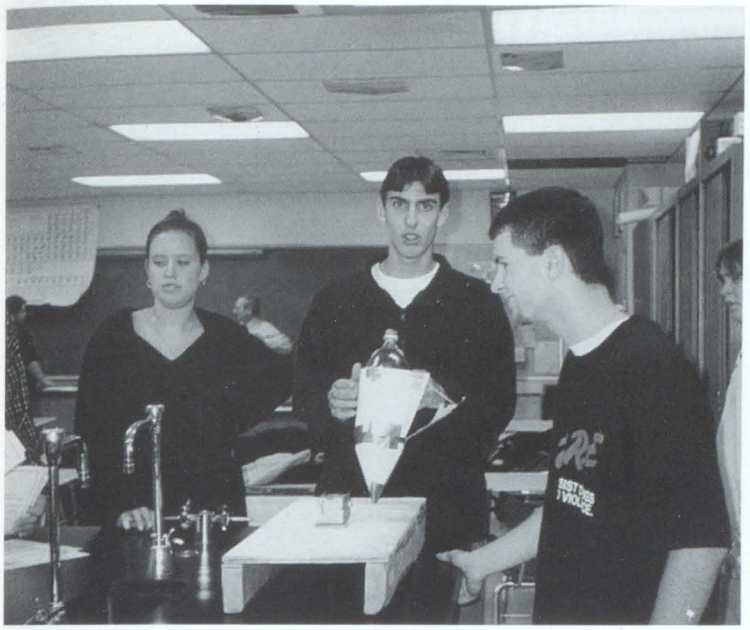
Lending an ear... Ms. Kathleen Mellon and Ms. Karen Jones, the sponsors of the Varsity Club, listen to important questions and give some suggestions at the early-morning meeting.



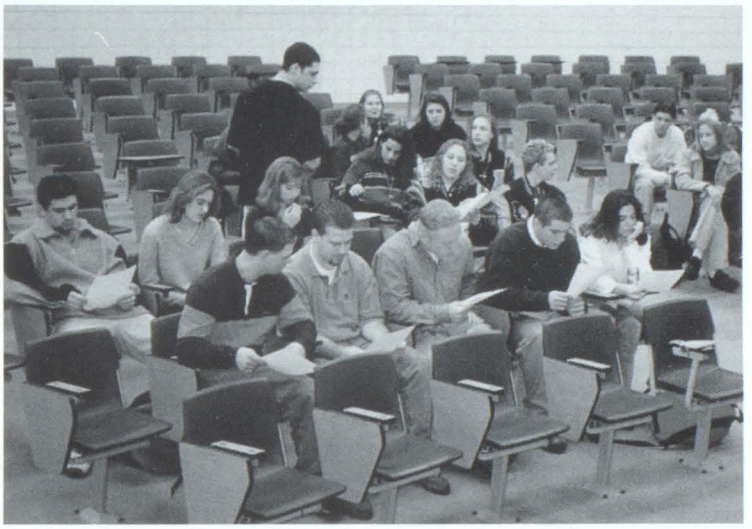
Last minute preparations... Doug Blanton, Erin Weatherdon, Becki Besaw, and Kristin Gogolen overlook their notes before leaving for a Quiz Bowl match at Port Huron High.



Quiz Bowl... *Front Row:* Mike Zamesnik, Becki Besaw, Kerry Capadagli *Second Row:* Doug Blanton, Erin Weatherdon, Valerie Monet, Christine Worswick *Back Row:* Mr. Louis Rameau, Jeremy Arpan, Paul Hensley, Jon Jackel, Kristin Gogolen



Revising the rocket...Doug Lasky, Erin Hartley, and Joe Muckenthaler make some alterations on the rocket they will submit to an upcoming competition.

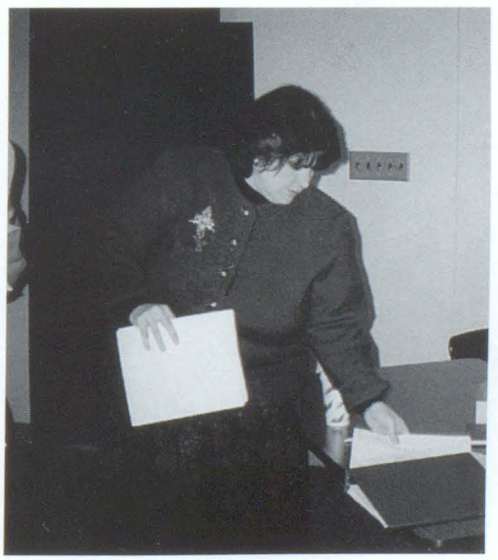




Science Olympiad... *Top Row:* Kelly Langdon, Erin Hartley, Valerie Monet, Kristen Gogolen, Joe Muckenthaler *Bottom Row:* Ray Clark, Melissa Pauwels, Rebecca Gates, Stacie Sniezek, Mike Zamesnik, Ms. Deborah Fenton

Service with a smile... The members of the Varsity Club meet at 7:30 in the morning to get a list of the activities they must volunteer for throughout the athletic season.





Varsity Club... *Front Row:* Nicky DuVernay, Shana Cadena, Fred Makinen, Ricky Rank, Loren Myny *Second Row:* Tom Funke, Susan Peterson, Cathy Piotrowski, Vicki Boyll, Jodie Mackie, Chantelle Gendron *Third Row:* Amanda Sharrow, Mike Bristol, Melissa Pauwels, Stephanie Zryd, Theresa Rose, Holly Estapa *Back Row:* Sam Dobbs, Nick DuPrey, Steve Lochbiler, Chris Laux, Shawn Martin, K.J. Dandron, Nathan Rhadigan, Jeff Arpan, Adrian Richardson, Nicole Cameron

Flipping through files... Ms. Karen Jones helps organize the files for the first official Varsity Club meeting.

Leaders of the Pack

From hosting dances to decorating athlete's lockers, student council is involved in many aspects of AHS.

Once a month, Student Council representatives meet in the lecture hall at 7:00 am to plan the upcoming month's activities. These meetings are run by the Overall Student Council Officers and Mrs. Paula Johnson. "This year's Student Council is very spirited and hardworking. They have taken many opportunities to help improve student council leadership, and also to be responsible and giving to the community as a whole," said Student Council Advisor Mrs. Paula Johnson.

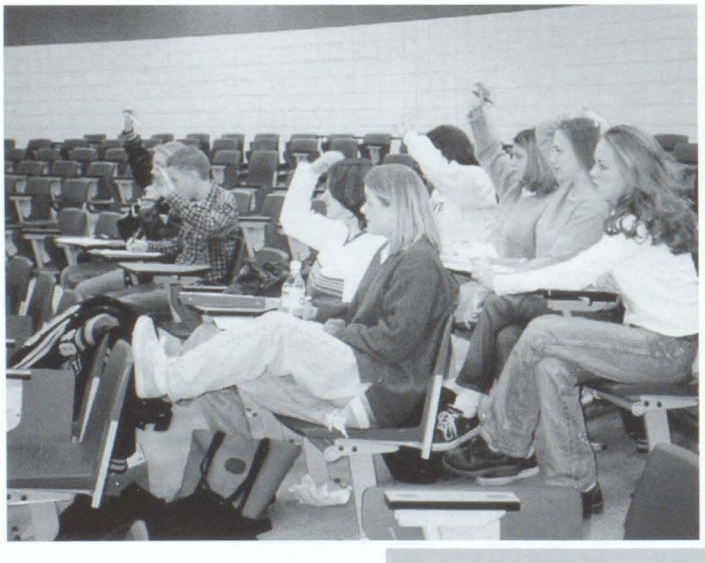
Student Council organizes many fundraisers and services for the community. Canned food and product drives are one fundraiser for the community. The group collected canned food and hygiene products from the students. They gave the food and products to the Down River Recreation Commission for their soup kitchen. Some of the food and products also went to a few needy families of the community.

On November 1st and 8th Student Council cleaned the Algonac Cemetery from 9 to 12 to earn one thousand dollars. This was divided between each class depending on how many students from each class attended. On December 21st Student Council went to the Children's Hospital to sing christmas carols for the children. " It was fun to see all the kids smile and wave at us. It felt sad to see the unfortunate children," said Junior Student Council representative Jodie Mackie.

Student Council has worked very hard to add a second spirit week to be held during the first week in February. A volleyball game between the Junior and Senior guys was played. "Homecoming has been the always been the "major event" of the year next to Prom, and we wanted to find something to do in the second half of the year for everyone to be involved in, so we decided to make Mr. Muskrat another spirit week in February. Like Homecoming week, it includes dress-up days, an assembly, a dance, and a Junior vs. Senior guys volleyball game to reinstate the school spirit evident at the beginning of the school year," said Nicole Cameron.

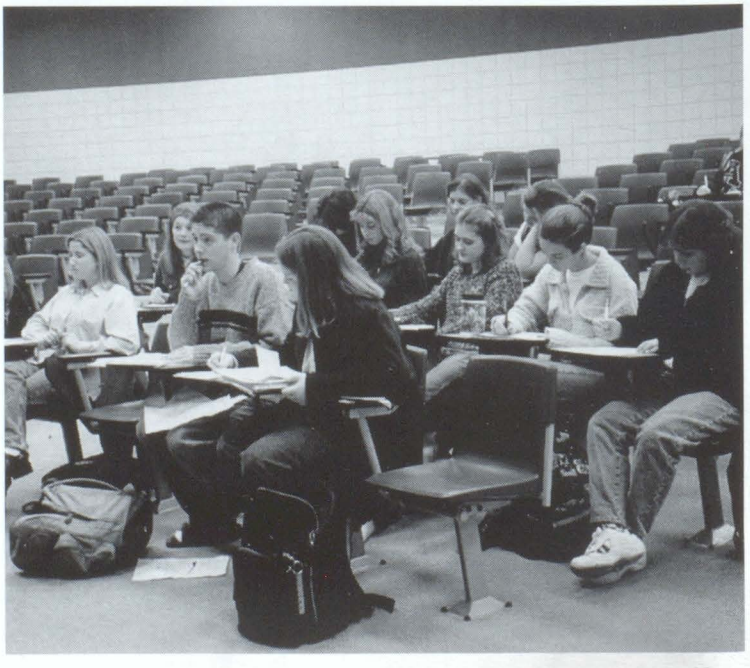


Decision Making... For Mrs. Johnson, Ray Clark, Nicole Cameron, Annie Rockwood, Courtney Pioszak, and Lisa DeLaere, early morning Student Council meetings are a crucial time to make decisions that could affect the whole school. They are the overall Student Council officers in charge of operating the Student Council and its' related functions.



Put your hands up... Juniors Heather Castle, Chris Zamborowski, Amy Sampson, Nicky DuVernay, Megan Bosman, and Jodie Mackie raise their hands, volunteering to go christmas caroling at the Children's Hospital of Detroit.

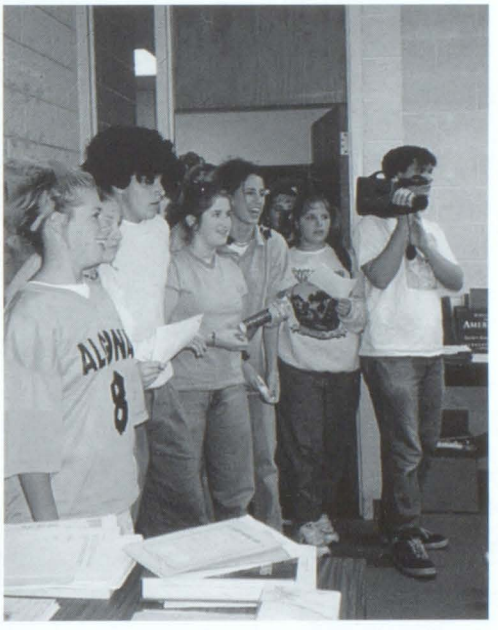
Listen up... Seniors Amber Brackett, Ben Clark, Rebecca Gates, Katie Basehore, Stephanie Zryd, Melissa Pauwels, Kelly Langdon, Erica Worthen, Heather Rymar, Theresa Stahl, Margeaux Peters, take note of the up coming events at an early morning December meeting.



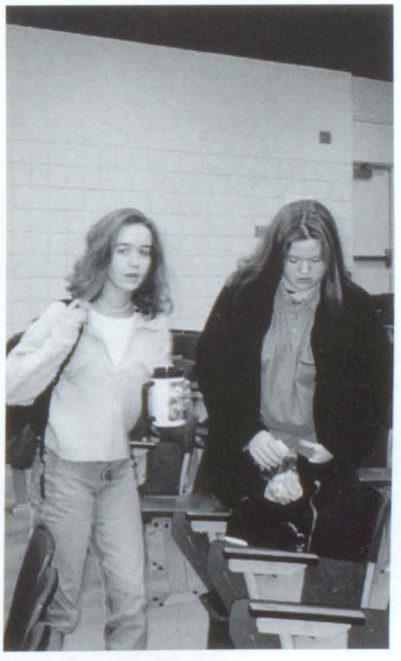


Bottoms up... Sophomores Sarah Prudhomme, Jennifer Green , Danielle Eder, and Jessica Baumgartner make rootbeer floats to make money for the Sophomore class.

Caught Ya on Candid Camera... Student Council members Annie Rockwood, Sarah Prudhomme, Ray Clark, Amber Brackett, Sara Claerhout, and Erica Worthen go class to class with wacky hair to count participants for the Class of the Year competion, while Andy Benedict video tapes the class totals, for Crazy Hair Day during Homecoming Spirit Week.







Overall Student Council... *Front Row:* Annie Rockwood, Ray Clark, Courtney Pioszak, Lisa DeLaere, and Nicole Cameron *Second Row:* Kelly Langdon, Melissa Pauwels, Erica Worthen, Rebecca Gates, Theresa Stahl, Margeaux Peters, Ben Clark, Heather Rymar, Amber Brackett, Stephanie Zryd, and Katy Basehore *Third Row:* Chantelle Gendron, Heather Castle, Stephanie Goral, Morgan Bell, Jodie Mackie, Elizabeth Sullivan, Tara Nixon, Megan Bosman, Nicky DuVernay, Chris Zamborowski, and Amy Sampson *Fourth Row:* Tina Peters, Krystal Brisse, Sandy Pauwels, Kristin Schrader, Danielle Eder, Sara Claerhout, Amy Hutchins, Jennifer Green, Heather Durkee, Nicole Smith *Back row:* Jamie Wagner, Lauren Stegmen, Rebecca Bloom, Libby Dobbs, Dan Watson, Rachel Petre, Jessica Bloom, Jessica Walters, Jessica Mackie, Tanya Sampson, P.J. Trese *Not pictured:* Cassie Bommarito, Jennifer Lenik, Mike Bristol, Jessica Baumgartner, Aaron Childress

Early Morning Rituals... Devoted Senior Student Council members Kelly Langdon and Rebecca Gates wake up an hour early to arrive at 7:00 a.m. in the lecture hall for an overall Student Council meeting on January 14.

Keeping Up

Award-Winning Traditions...

Finally, a Spartan Award winning book for the 1997 edition of *Remembrance* . Excited as the staff was, this presented a challenge to the new staff of 1998. "We are proud of what we did last year. We know we can, so we are trying hard to repeat the spartan. I want to see everyone work hard on this book," said co-editor Amber Brackett.

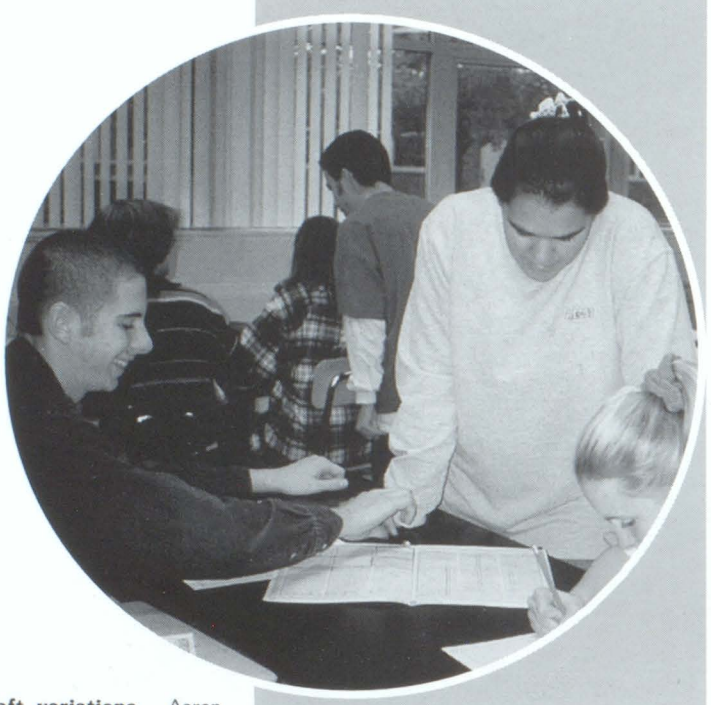
Maintaining an award winning tradition is tough. With *Remembrance* being one of the top books in the state, it is often frustrating to keep up the quality. "Sometimes it is frustrating to be compared to some of the better books of the past. I try not to compare my work to that of others, but to focus instead on improving our current production," said assistant editor Nicole Cameron.

Yearbook production is basically student organized. Led by co editors Amber Brackett and Heather Rymar and assistant editor Nicole Cameron, plans began in May of 1997 to put together this '98 yearbook. "You need strong leadership and experience, and everyone has to be very dedicated. Yearbook isn't just another class. It puts students in real job situations," said co editor Heather Rymar.

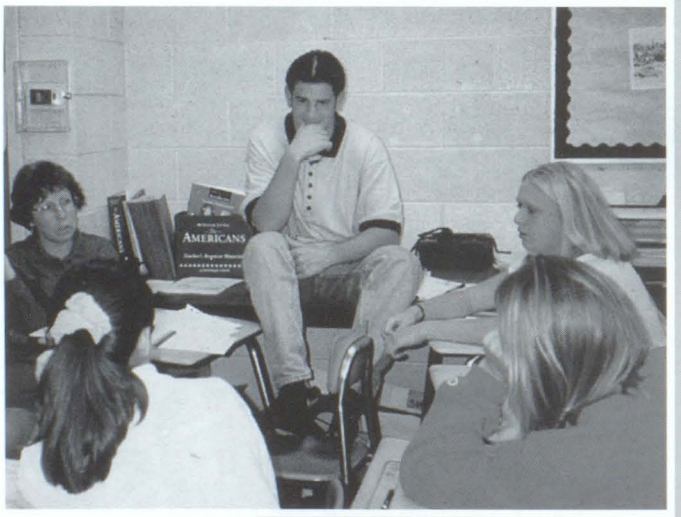
Staff members work hard to keep layouts, copy, and graphics fresh and creative. "The creativity aspect is due in part to creative editors and a staff that is focusing on the task at hand. This is one of the best staffs that I have worked with," said Mrs. Ruth Mavis.

Putting together a book involves a number of factors. One focus is getting all of the information, taking all of the pictures and then being able to translate this to a yearbook spread. With over 15 new staff members each fall, this production process is a challenge. Students have six weeks of instruction and then it is on the job training. Deadlines dominate class time as students must meet deadlines from Taylor Publication Company.

Fund raising becomes a major component each fall in order to pay for the book. With the book costing nearly $60 a book to produce, the staff works hard to make sure that the book remains affordable to students.



Rough draft variations... Aaron Fritz and Amy Hutchins meet with section editor Teressa Zelenock to get the correct dimensions for their sports layouts.



Academic organization... Staff members, Danielle Sartain, John Gerds, Kristy Medrano, Stacey Bark, and Vicki Boyll meet with adviser Mrs. Ruth Mavis to plan the academics section.

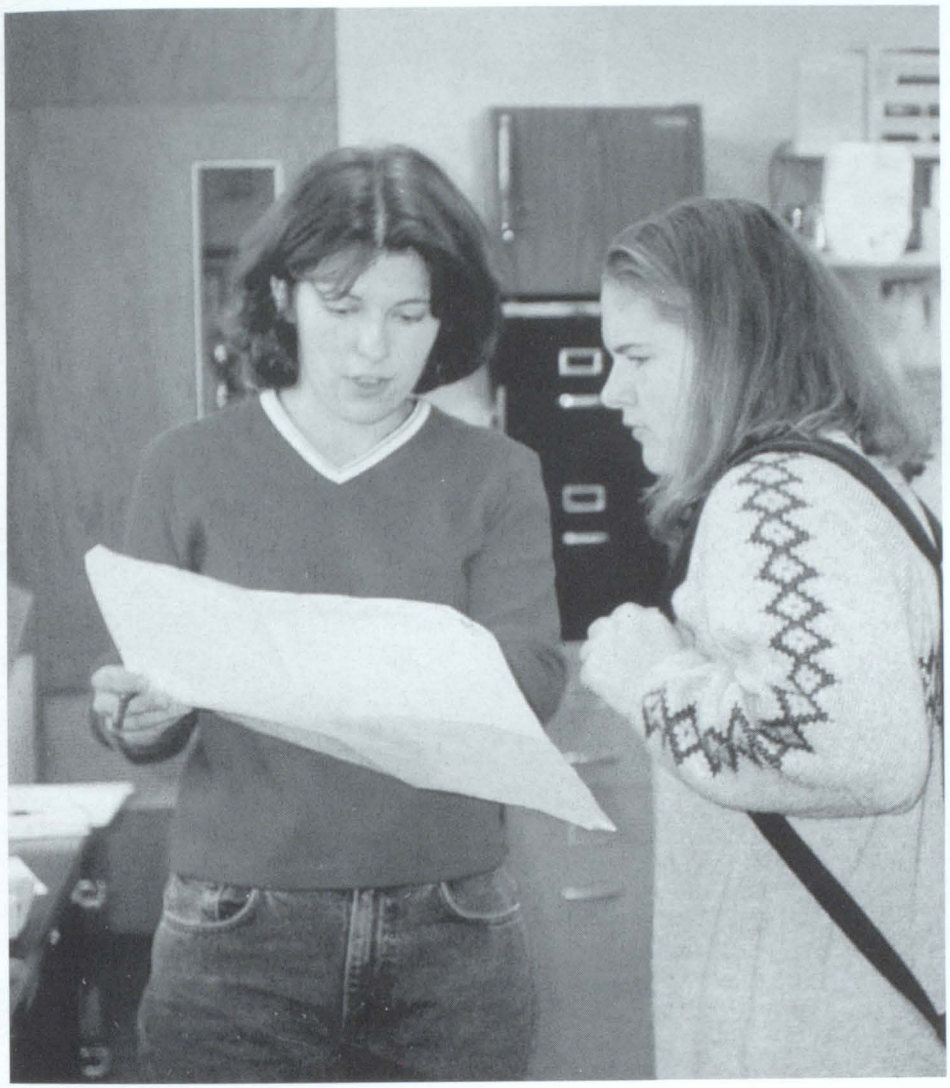
Planning... One of the first steps in yearbook production is designing the layout. Michelle Lupenski and Stacey Bark work with Courtney Pioszak and Nicole Cameron to decide on the layout styles of their spreads.

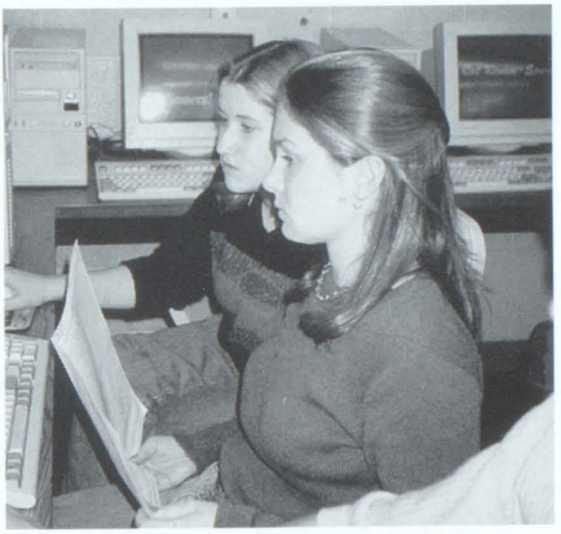


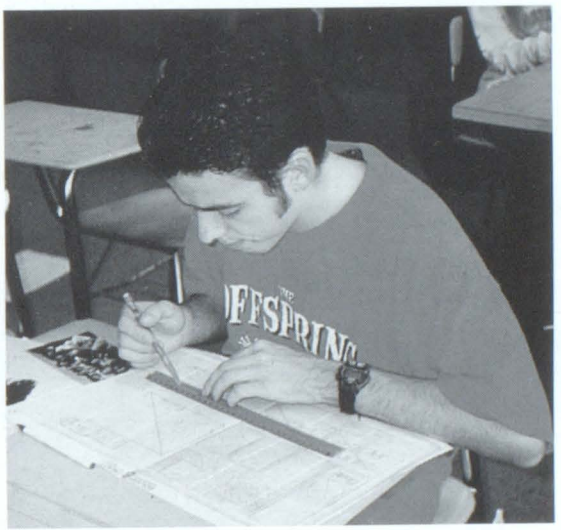
Practice makes perfect... Co editor Heather Rymar gives first year staff member Amy Howard a few layout ideas for her first assignment of the year: the People Division spread.

Computer literate... Co editor Amber Brackett works closely with Alicia Wenz mastering the first transfer of a layout onto the computer. All layout and copy is computer generated.

Accuracy is key... Striving for a creative layout, Rick Hornbaker draws the rough layout for the cross country spread during his first deadline.











Remembrance: *Front Row:* Nathan Smith, Teressa Zelenock, Sandy Harrington, Reyne Modestino, Heather Rymar, Amber Brackett, Nicole Cameron, Courtney Pioszak, Lisa DeLaere *Second Row:* Alicia Wenz, Amy Howard, Katie May, Danielle Sartain, Theresa Rose, Stacey Bark, Michelle Lupenski, Amy Hutchins, Dennis Wright *Third Row:* Kristy Medrano, Jason Meldrum, Katie Atherton, John Gerds, Jessica Chapman, Becki Besaw, Kerry Capadagli, Vicki Boyll. *Back Row:* Chris Zamborowski, Rick Hornbaker, Loren Myny, Jayson Breitmeyer, Hector DeSaedeleer, Mrs. Ruth Mavis. *Not pictured:* Susan Allison, Aaron Fritz, Lindsey Kulba.

Concentration ... Chris Zamborowski follows the exact dimensions from his rough draft as he transfers the written material to the computer.

Continual Changes Provide Challenges

Rat Review Remains Strong

With a new printing company, Hartco, the *Rat Review* has improved. New features include different size pages and format. With the new features, comes a new price of 50 cents per copy unlike last years price of 25 cents per copy.

"We finally had to increase the cost of the paper from 25 cents to 50 cents. We hated to do that, but with rising costs in printing and pictures, we really had no choice," said Mr. Dan Shafer, newspaper advisor.

Organization, hard work, patience, persistence, and the ability to work well with others are all qualities that are beneficial to *Rat Review* staff members. "This year's staff is more efficient, and we try not to focus everything in the paper on us, the staff members," said Christina Coughlin, columnist of the *Rat Review*.

"You have to have time and be able to put up with a lot because a lot of time goes into the paper," said Cassi Bommarito, production manager.

"This year's staff gets right to work and works hard at everything we have to do," said Crystal Billiu, advertising assistant.

"This staff is a hard working staff. They work well together, do what needs to be done, and always pull together at deadline time. I love my staff. We get along, it's amazing," said co editor and business manager Angi Gerald.

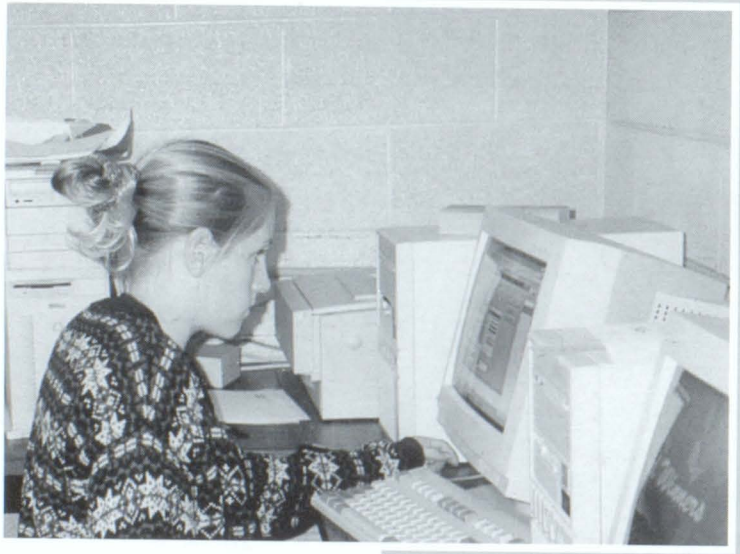
Deciding which staff member gets to write which story can be difficult, but the *Rat Review* staff stays organized. Each staff member picks three possible topics they would like to write about. The editors then decide which one the writers will be assigned.

"For the most part, they are a hard-working staff. They want to put out a quality production. We have received many compliments this year on the quality of the articles appearing in the paper as well as our overall design," said Mr. Dan Shafer, newspaper advisor.

Controversy was a constant companion to the staff. Beginning in September with the rash of unsigned letters and the resulting problems on Homecoming Court to dealing with the senior's lack of money to the controversy dealing with the cap and gown colors, the staff faced and dealt with the challenges. "At the beginning of the year, the unsigned letters posed a problem that affected the entire school, "said Margeaux Peters, co editor.

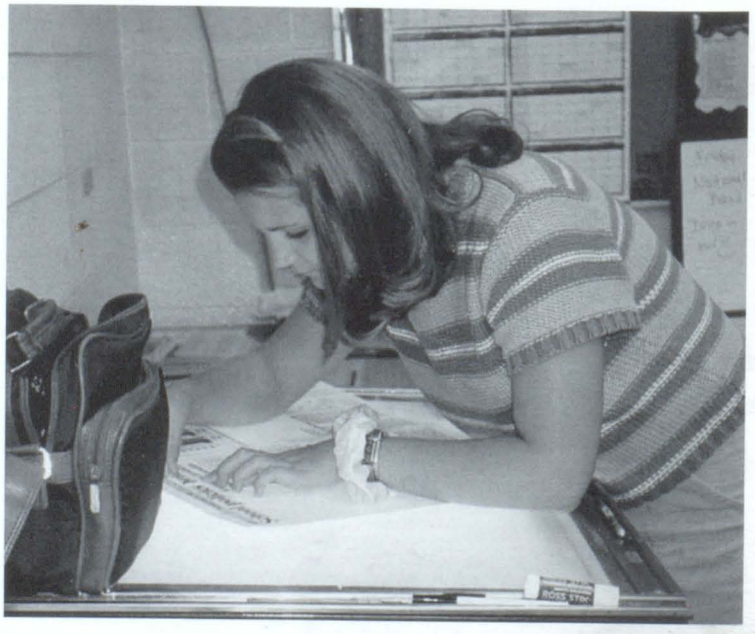


Trying to meet deadlines... Christina Coughlin uses after school time to place her article on the layout in the publications office.

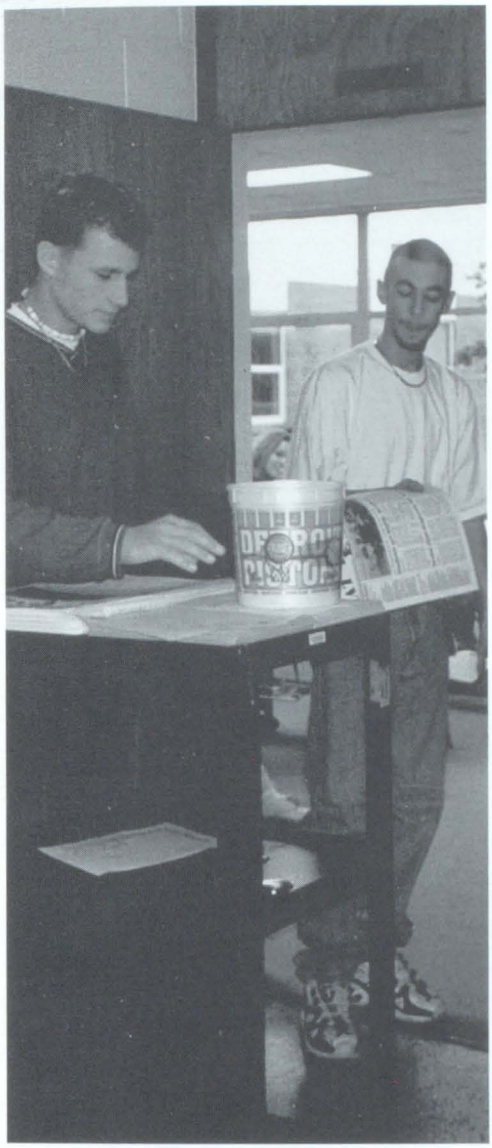


Working diligently... Sarah Prudhomme uses the computers in the publications office to get a story in final form.

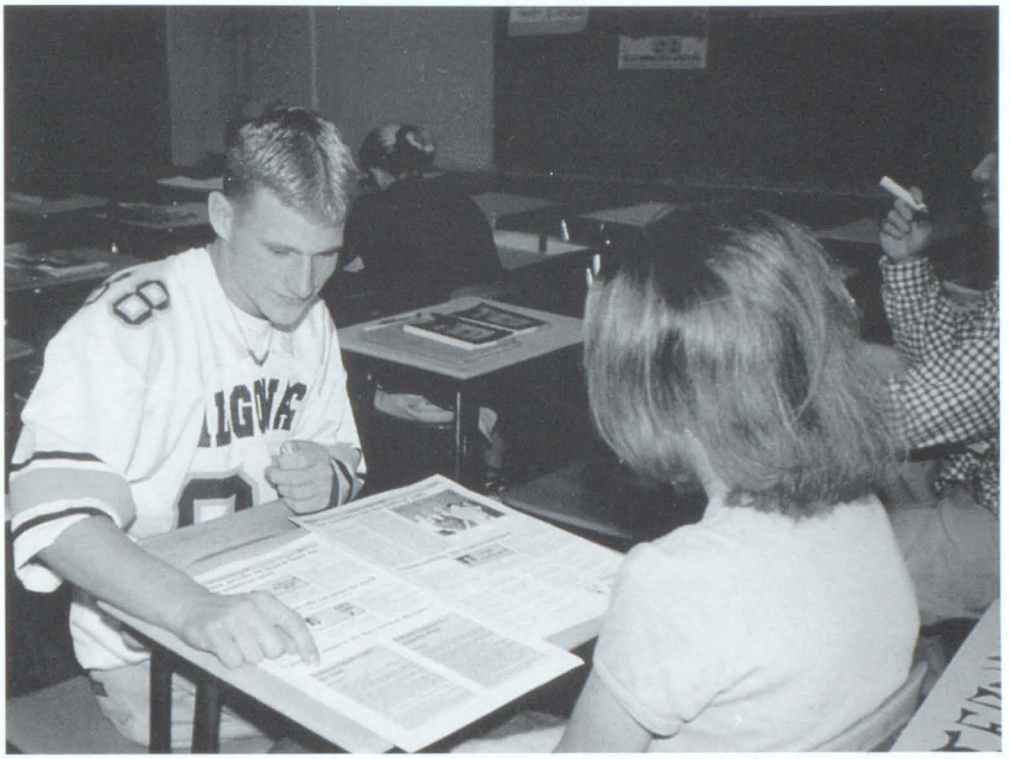
Deadline hassles... Co editor Margeaux Peters using the light box fixes the double page spread. Each issue contained an in-depth analysis of one topic.



Anyone want to buy a paper?... Jeff DeSot sells a *Rat Review* to Bobby Wilson during first hour.



What do you think?... Senior staff member Jeff DeSot and production manager Cassi Bommarito meet to review the page layout to be sure that all the articles are pasted on correctly.







Lending a helping hand... With deadline closing in, Stephanie Funke helps Crystal Billiu space the copy on the page.

Newspaper staff... *Front row:* James Fernandez, Stephanie Funke, Christina Coughlin, Megan Taylor, Benjamin Clark, Theresa Stahl, Angi Gerald, Margeaux Peters, Bobby Schrader, Cassi Bommarito, Mike Wright *Second row:* Andrew Benedict, Crystal Billiu, Kristy Baumgartner, Lynnette Falkiewicz, Kimberly Steward, Jennifer Lenik, Sarah Nowicki, Adam Henderson, Jeffrey DeSot, Jeremy Gohl, Benjamin Moroschan, Melissa Voakes *Back row:* Danielle Eder, Sarah Prudhomme, Ashley Langdon, Sarah Fogg, Brooke Langdon, Michelle Lee, Kira Richardson, Melissa Freeman, Noah Weiss, Robert Lane

T.V. Studio

Lights, Camera, Action

TV Studio keeps tabs on all the events around the school. The staff tapes sporting events, does play by plays, and tapes just about anything else people ask them to. They tape basketball and football games to be aired on Channel 6 for free. The footage can be used later in highlights of the season.

"Everything and anything people want us to tape (depending on what is taped) is aired on Channel 6," said junior Sarah Keller.

"It's rewarding watching the outcome of everyone's hard work on TV," said senior Kurt Berger.

"Seeing your final edited video on Channel 6 is rewarding," said senior Valerie Monet. The most difficult thing in t.v. studio varies from editing to deadlines to giving up free time to tape sports events. "But overall, the pros overrule the cons," said junior Jessica Houf.

On November 12, the crew visited the UPN (Channel 50) Studio. They received a tour of the studio. "I learned a lot about how television works. I even saw potential job opportunities there, " said junior Jeff Arwady.

Studio engineer and Harsen's Island resident, Mike Murray let the crew visit behind the scenes at UPN. He also helped set up a studio.

"As more and more teachers in the school district are becoming aware of our services, I find the TV crew is getting much busier. They've done a nice job keeping up with assignments," said advisor Dan Shafer.

This year, the staff is taping a lot more academic and support activities than in the past. They have taped lab experiments, TV commercials in speech, and even teaching techniques. Another big project for the crew is the two hour senior video, which shows highlights of the senior's last year.

Although the funds for the studio aren't plentiful, ways to make money are found. Senior Carey Larabee said, "By filming for outside groups and charging a fee, we make a profit." This type of fundraising allows the studio to make updates and continue to serve the school and community.



Ready, set, go... Ben Moroschan gets ready to record the events to take place at the assembly.



Professional style... Andy Benedict steadies his camera while he moves in for a close-up at the pep assembly.



T.V. Studio... *Front row:* Carey Larabee, Mr. Dan Shafer, Jeff Arwady. *Middle row:* Jessica Houf, Sarah Keller, Valerie Monet, Kurt Berger. *Back row:* Andy Benedict, Ben Moroschan.

Close up... Jessica Houf zooms in on the action taking place at the pep assembly.



Sports nut... Carey Larabee poses for a quick picture on the set of sports Xtra at UPN studios.

England... Valerie Monet, Sarah Keller, and Jessica Houf point out on the UPN weather map where they want to live.







Listen carefully... Jeff Arwady, Ben Moroschan and Kurt Berger listen as one of the UPN engineers explains how the set is built for broadcasts.



High Tech... Kurt Berger checks out the editing equipment at UPN. The variety of technology available on a professional level helped the students see career focuses.

Any Change Brings Challenge

What a year! Band has faced many challenges this year. One of the new elements was a new band director Mr. Jason Vitick. Mr. Vitick is a drum major from Colorado who plans on being here for awhile.

Baritone player Thomas Dunlap says, "He's fun, and he knows his stuff. He has opinions that I don't agree with, but that just means I have a greater amount to learn from him."

Size is another issue this year. In past years, the band has consisted of between 120 and 250 members compared to this year's 48 members.

"When the band is smaller, we must all play or we don't sound good," says French Horn player James Kandler.

The band has conquered that challenge raising their lowest competition score of 42.6 to their highest of 67.8.

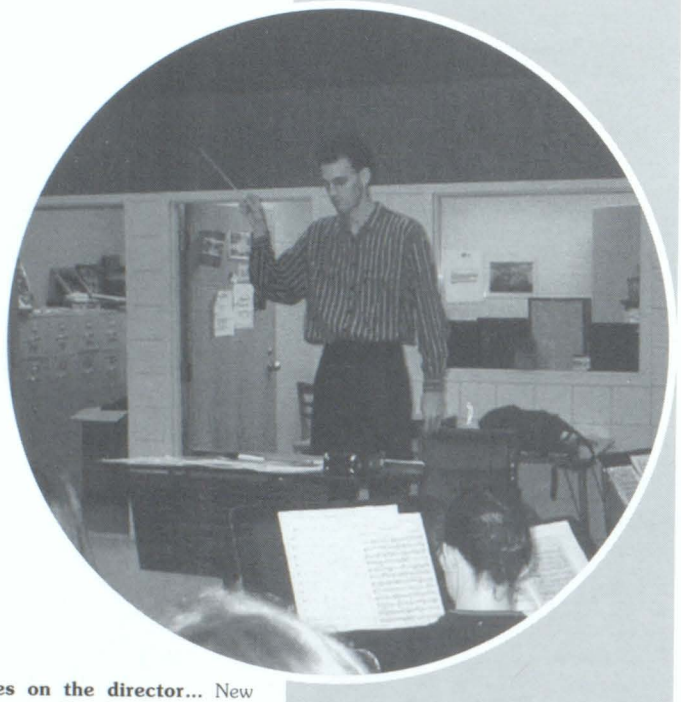
Band camp this year was August 17-23 at the Blue Water camp located in Lexington, Michigan. One of the downfalls of camp was the unfortunate virus going around. "The best part of camp was the sliming of the rookies," said clarinet player Christine Worswick. For most of band camp it rained.

There are also some downfalls to band. "No one had the dedication we needed," says senior tuba player Graham Puranen.

Ninth grader Erin Fullington said, "I'm not sure about past years, but this year we tried really hard."

Finding instructors for color guard has also proved a problem. "Consider finding a guard instructor virtually impossible," says color guard co-captain Heather Hines. Toward the end of the season, guard found an instructor, Jerry Smith, and finished the show.

Despite the consistent challenges faced by the band this year, they have found their way through an award-winning season!



All eyes on the director... New band director Mr. Jason Vitick conducts his second hour band class.



Marching to the beat... Drummers Ryan Gougeon, Matt Shelley, Ian Conyers, Jim Fernandez, and Alex Wrobel keep in step in the Algonac Homecoming parade.

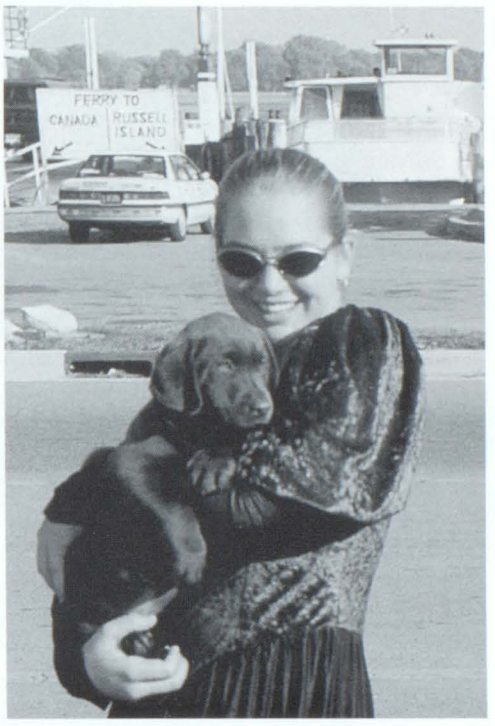
Blowing tunes... James Kandler and Matt Moroschan use class time to perfect the music for Band-a-Rama.



National Anthem... Each football game begins with the band leading the crowd in the national anthem.



Cuddly Friends... Senior Heather Hines poses for a picture with the chocolate lab puppy she volunteered to hold during the Homecoming parade.





Marching Band... *First row:* Sarah Fogg, Jessica Chapman, Nicole Stone, Jeff Arwady, Melanie Zamborowski, Elaine Holmes and Heather Hines. *Second Row:* Jaime Wagner, Hope Dunlap, Ryan Gougeon, Ian Conyers, Matt Shelley, Alex Wrobel, Jim Fernandez, Joshua Puranen, Jacob Bryson, Fran Sampier and Amanda Stier. *Third Row:* Jennifer Moroschan, Amber Eastcot, Annamay Willey, Stephanie Lapham, Erica Baker, Christine Worswick, Bethany Benedict, Stephanie Fegley, Jessica Zoss, Chrissy Levitt, Erin Fullington, Charice Furtah, Katie Ferrigan and Erin Montgomery. *Fourth Row:* Mr. Jason Vitick, Matt Blanck, Mike Jones, Nicole Haack, Scott Gabler, Jenny O'Phee, Dan McManaway, Amy Letourneau, Cindy Grissom, Sherry Grissom and Dan Rose. *Fifth Row:* Matt Moroschan, James Kandler, James Mertz, Graham Puranen, Jon Jackel, Tom Dunlap and Amy Levitt.

Songs on Stage

A word that comes to the minds of most chorus members is "fun". Chorus doesn't just consist of singing. Shows are choreographed and practiced for months in advance in preparation for the show.

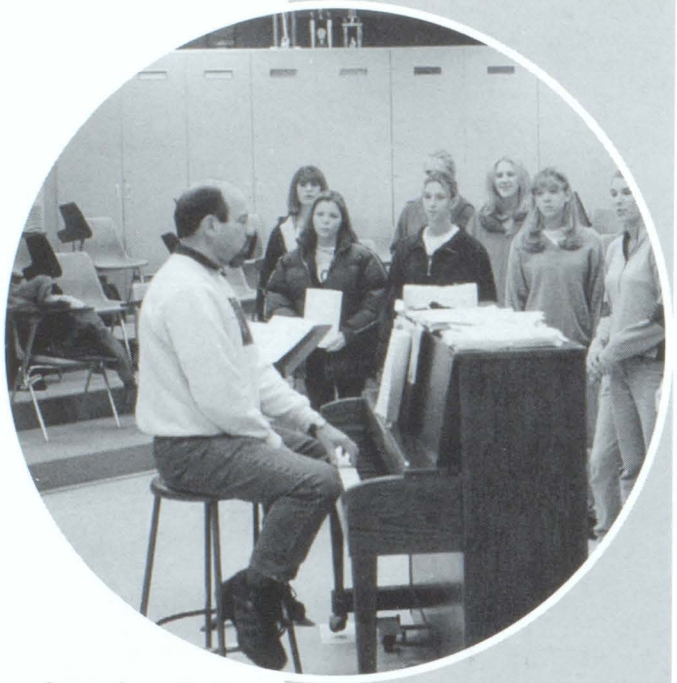
There are two different parts of chorus every year. Concert choir is in the beginning of the school year. This is where they just perform by singing. "Concert choir is fun and entertaining," said senior Jessica Chapman. Show choir is the second portion, which starts in the spring.

"I like that we get to travel and listen to other groups sing," said senior Liz Dearie. Every year the choir takes a trip to perform and compete against other groups from all over the United States. This year they made an appearance in Toronto, Canada.

Second year Special Delivery student Sheri Peterson said,"My favorite part of chorus is the competitions." Competitions provide opportunities for students to see how each group measures up to professional standards. Competitions are generally held in the spring.

Fundraising is used to pay for new uniforms and planned trips. Some include fruit sales, bake sales, and candy sales. The fruit sale remains the key fundraiser with the Florida fruit in high demand prior to Christmas.

"Chorus is very time consuming and can be stressful," said senior Aaron Fritz. Chorus isn't just an in-class activity. Practices are during school and sometimes after school. Putting together a successful show requires time, dedication and overall committment. Chorus director Mr. Dennis McMaken said,"To put together a successful show takes a combination of a lot of things: good music, good talent, desire for excellence, team work, good leadership, and lots of hard work."



Practice makes perfect... Mr. Dennis McMaken plays the piano while Special Delivery practices during class time.



Singing solo... Senior Shana Cadena sings a solo of "What Child is This" at their Christmas concert.



Rainbow Connection *Front Row:* Sarah Keller, Kelly Bowles, Heather Castle, Nikki Quandt, Jackie Hoover, Melissa Veryser *Second Row:* Erica Worthen, Rachel Vinson, Mike Zamesnik, Jessica Wonsowicz, Jessica Houf, Kate Dearie, Liz Dearie *Third Row:* Michelle Drabant, Melissa Pauwels, Jeff Werner, Shana Cadena, Melanie Foster, Erin Weatherdon, Mr. Dennis McMaken *Fourth Row:* Sheri Altman, Sarah Drake, Jessica Chapman, Jeramyah Arpan, Aaron Fritz, Caroline Stewart, Andrew Benedict



Group picture... Special Delivery gets together for a group picture to show their enthusiasm before a concert.



Singing with spirit... Seniors Melanie Foster and Jessica Chapman show their Christmas spirit by singing at St. Catherines Church.

Performing with style... Rainbow Connection sings with all their might for their Christmas concert while Mr. Dennis McMaken directs them with pride.





Special Delivery *Front Row:* Amy Blanton, Sandra Trudelle, Sheri Peterson, Melissa Reilly, Kaylan Sullivan, Michelle Lee, Cassandra Smith, Nicole Wilson, Jennifer Newberg *Second Row:* Marie Fontana, Rachel Bruce, Jennifer Rupersburg, Heidi Dean, Angela Klein, Nikole Klein, Caryn Goral, Sandra Hoover *Third Row:* Cassi Smith, Jodi Fournier, Jessica Mackie, Jennifer Darrah, Gabriela Giura, Stephanie Jeske, Jessica Chunko, Elizabeth Telesz, Melissa Gunnells *Fourth Row:* Tammy Smith, Andrea Albert, Jenelle Rochon, Megan Wesch, Daniel Watson, Elizabeth Malarick, Brandy Emerich, Kelly Charlesworth, Mr. Dennis McMaken *Fifth Row:* Tina Rohn, Megan Morrow, Eric Martin, Anna Christy, William Bayones, Christopher Starcher, Dale Holmes, Marie Mitchell, Elizabeth Schrader





Joy to the world... Rainbow Connection performs for the public during church services before Christmas.

Voice check... Rainbow Connection warms up their voices before a concert to get rid of any last minute jitters.

What a Performance!



A welcome without words...band and color guard perform a welcome theme for the homecoming representatives.

Musical oriented groups overcame many challenges in preparing for a performance such as how to be prepared and how to calm the nerves.

Choral and band groups entertained audiences at several places. Performances are held at several places. Band performs at the Band Orchestra Festival located at Marysville High School, McMorran Auditorium, and at all home football games. The Chorus also performs at many schools, and at a couple of competitions. This year they went to Toronto, Canada.

"What goes through my mind when I get ready for a performance is knowing I have go to out there and give my best performance each time I go in front of an audience, and then I pray I won't screw up," says senior Rainbow Connection member Melissa Pauwels.

Freshman band member Nikole Haack says,"I just sit there and concentrate on my music."

A lot of time and effort goes into getting ready for a performance. Much of the performance preparation is done at after-school practices, which are key due to their efficiency and lack of disturbances.

Getting prepared for a performance can be quite stressful. Junior band member Jon Jackel says,"I go through my music in my head, know what I have to do before hand and I listen to our music on tape."

Junior Special Delivery member Niki Klein says,"I think about doing my best, study my music, and get plenty of rest."

Preparing practice after practice, band and chorus groups worked up to their potential for their final performance.



All together now... Mr. Jason Vitick conducts the entire band at band-a-rama.

Tuning up... A brass ensemble plays Christmas Serenade at band-a-rama.





Merry Christmas... the Rainbow Connection performs their Christmas program in the Jr. High auditorium.

All alone... Marie Fontana sings a solo at the chorus Christmas program.



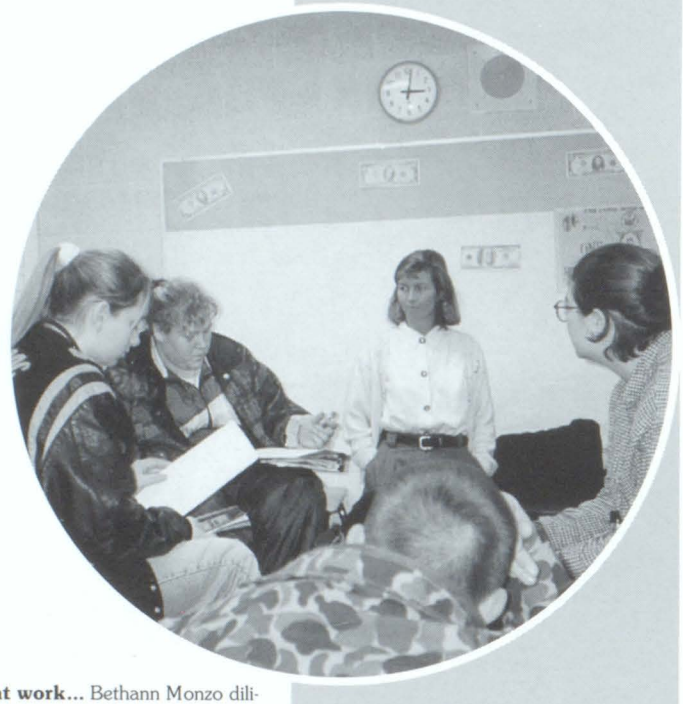


Smile pretty... Gabby Guira, Melanie Foster, Pat Thomas, Michelle Lee, and Jessica Wonsowicz pose for a picture before leaving for a performance.



Carol of the Bells... Special Delivery performs their part of the Christmas program at Fair Haven Elementary.

Varied Activities Attract Students



Hard at work... Bethann Monzo diligently copies down new ideas discussed by the members.



Getting it together... the Dance Team practices at M.C. Dance Co. in Marine City after school.

For the second year in a row, the Dance Team will only be a club sport, though they hope to become a school sport next year. There are about eleven people on the Dance Team which is coached by Mrs. Jill Hutchins.

The team believes that they will do a lot better this year because they are more organized and have improved a lot. Because the team practices everyday after school from 3:00 till 5:00, they are getting better each day.

This year's team has three captains: Melissa Pauwels, Kelly Langdon, and Amy Hutchins. People joined the dance team for many reasons. Junior Nicole Gifford said, "Melissa Veryser talked me into it. I am glad that she did. Everybody is really nice and it is really fun.

Melissa Pauwels said, "The biggest event for the dance team this year was when we danced at the Palace."

For those not interested in performing, Algonac High School offers other clubs such as S.A.D.D. Anyone can join S.A.D.D. (Students Against Drunk Driving) which meets every Thursday after school in Ms. Kathleen Mellon's room. Although anyone can join, the group only has about sixteen members this year.

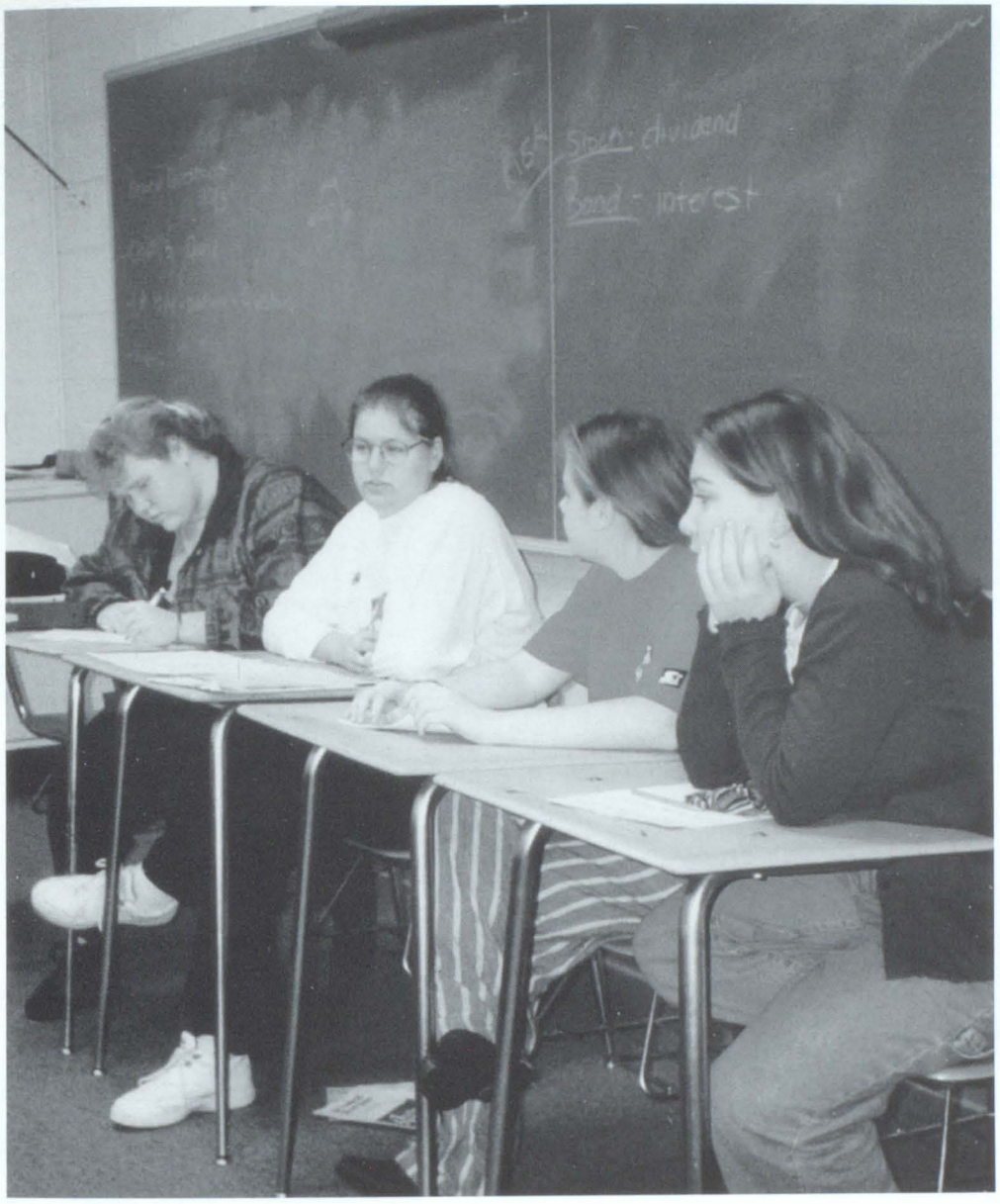
The club has many different offices every year which are voted on by the group members. This year, Tina Rohn is the president, Vice President is Amanda Sharrow, Treasurer is Kim Sobanski, Secretary is Bethann Monzo, and Sergeant at Arms is Krystal Brisse.

To most students S.A.D.D. means stopping people from driving drunk. Sandy Trudelle said, "To me S.A.D.D. means that we are trying to stop people from getting into the vehicle with alcohol, which will reduce the number of drunk driving accidents."

Most kids join S.A.D.D. because friends, relatives or someone they know was in it. Krystal Brisse said "I Joined S.A.D.D. because I think that it is a good cause and I am sick of people being killed by drunk drivers."

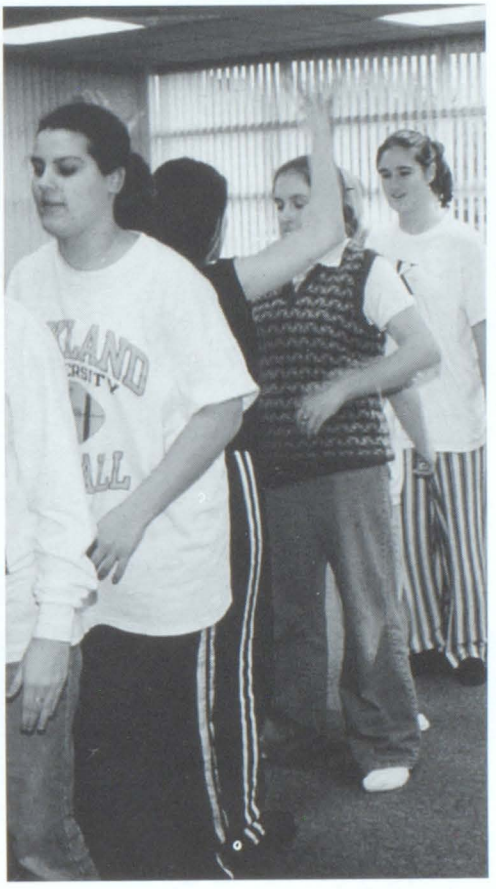


Let's Dance... the Dance Team performs the biggest dance of the year at the Palace of Auburn Hills.



Keeping Order... Officers Bethann Monzo, Tina Rohn, Amanda Sharrow,and Krystal Brisse are making sure that everything is flowing smoothly.

Keeping the beat... Melanie Foster, Melissa Pauwels, Michell Redmann, and Sarah Ziehmer practice their new dance.





Dance Team... *Front Row:* Melissa Veryser, Melanie Foster, Amy Hutchins, Nicole Gifford, Michelle Redmann *Back Row:* Kelly Langdon, Melissa Pauwles, Becki Besaw, Jessica Bark, Sarah Ziehmer, Stacy Sniezek



S.A.D.D.... *Front Row:* Tina Rohn, Sandy Trudelle, Janice Murray, Krystal Brisse, Dana Ketterer, Sharon Soboleski *Back Row:* Kelly Tobin, Shannon Pearson, Bethann Monzo, Tammy Smith, Elizabeth Schrader, Amanda Sharrow

People



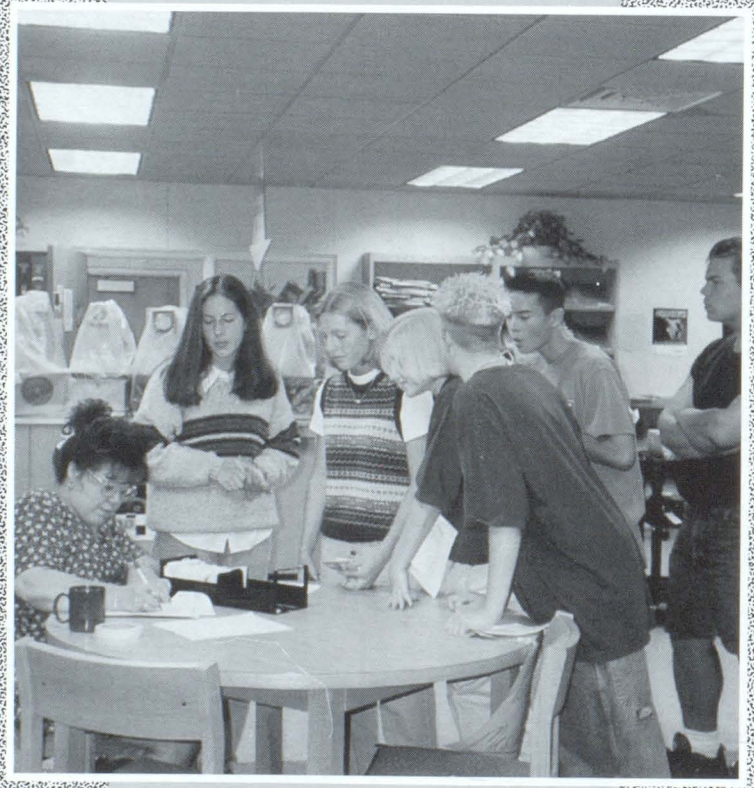
Making Our Own Footprints

Each year as students take another step towards graduating, many changes take place. The freshman have a whole new school, teachers, and attitudes in store for them. Freshman Libby Dobbs says, "I'm glad I am finally a freshman because now I can go to school with my dad and my big brother, Sammy."

In addition to the building responsibility of high school and life, the chance to begin to drive is often brought up around the sophomore year. Sophomore Dori Glaze says, "I feel I have more freedom and independence now."

AHS sports teams continue to make big impressions on the new MAC League with the continued success in competition. "It felt really good to compete and place, and to be able to go on to the finals," says Junior Melody Love, returning shot-put thrower.

This years seniors chose to go to Panama City, Florida, unlike the previous seniors who went to Mrytle Beach. "I think it will be a blast to be able to party with my friends for ten days in a row, BABY!" says Senior Shana Cadena.



Freshman Orientation . . . Lauren Wummel, Krissy Savinsky, Jenny Phelan, Eric Sifer, and Ben Dobrowski get their lockers and schedules from Mrs. Patricia Webster for the upcoming year.



Acting Silly . . . Josh Burr and Nick DuPrey pretend to be playing Twister during first hour Drama class.

Wishing for an 'A' . . . Paul Meldrum, Nick Matzka, Gary Haack, and Adam Hallman concentrate in Mrs. Mavis's U.S. History class.



Happy Mole Day . . . Sophomore Jessica Baumgartner models her mole nose to receive extra credit in Ms. Rediess's biology class.

Seniors With Attitude

The Class of 1998 finally takes the step up to take their place as big, bad seniors. Along with their outstanding spirit and pride came the many controversial issues. One being the class colors being chosen as blue and orange, and another being the shortage of money for color pictures in the yearbook. "Our class is strong and we come together when we need it",said Angi Gerald.

Being seniors, the attitude they carry makes an impression on the rest of the school. Annie Rockwood said ,"I remember when we were freshman, we looked up to the seniors and wanted to be just like them. I think the freshman now look up to us for the same kind of guidance."

This being the last of four years here at good 'ol AHS the Class of '98 gave it their best to make it the most memorable. Each senior brought with them their own style and uniqueness when they came as a freshman, and over the past four years these styles have grown into one, giving the Class of '98 a super attitude as a whole. "I think that we are the first class in a long time that has a lot of dedication, spirit, and individuality.",said Bobby Schrader.

After the senior Class of '98 leaves the halls of AHS they hope to have made an impact that will leave a lasting impression on the school and everyone in it.



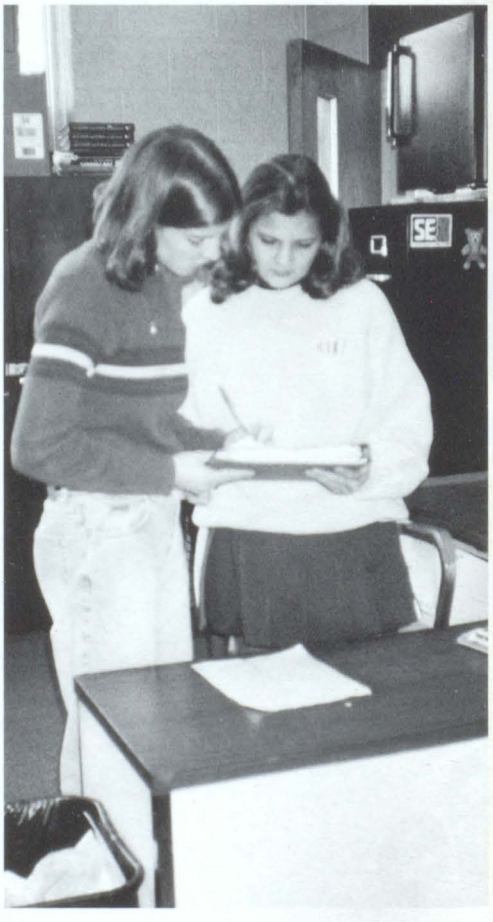


Decisions, Decisions...Taking time out from gym class, Hector DeSaedeleer, Adam Henderson, and Jason Meldrum decide what name they want on their diploma and fill out the activity forms.

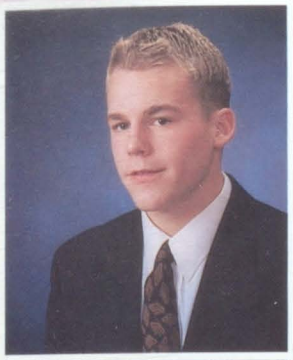
Leaving their mark....Jessica Chapman, Josh Burr, and Christina Coughlin take the first leap into the big bad world of seniority by signing the annual senior banner at lunch.

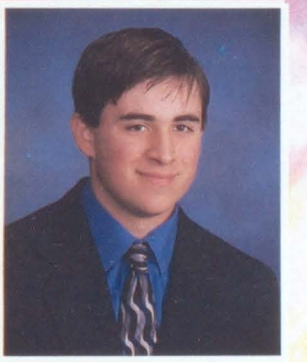
Congratulations...After hearing his name called as one of the five semi-finalists for Homeconing court, Jeff Werner is greeted with many high fives and cheers at the first pep assembly.





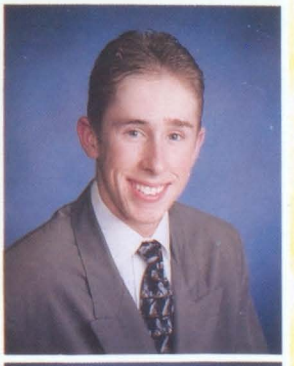
We're not going down without a fight...After hearing that the seniors wouldn't get to graduate in blue and orange, Margeaux Peters and Theresa Stahl sign a petition to voice their opinion.



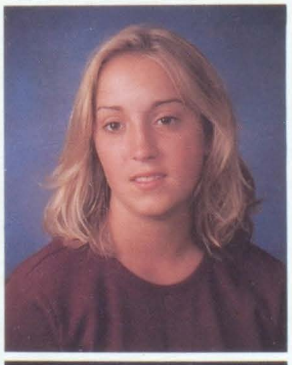



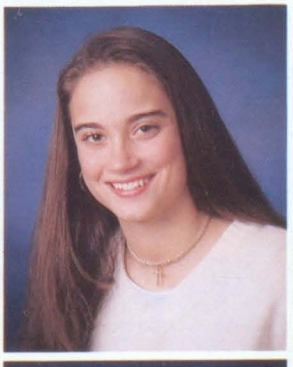
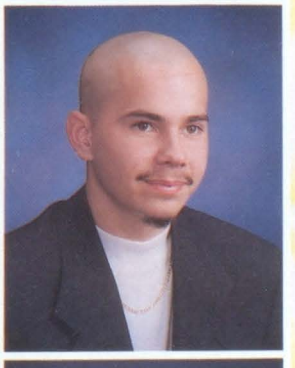
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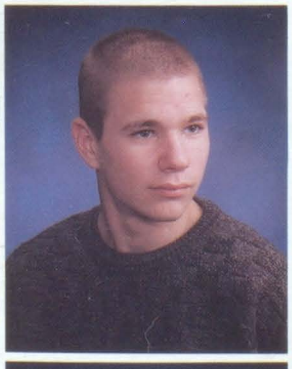
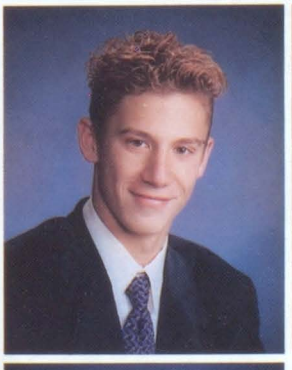



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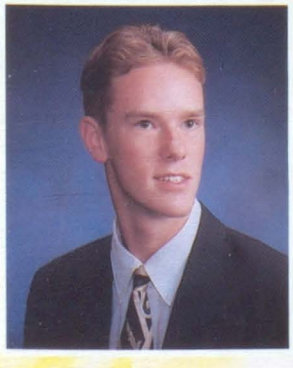
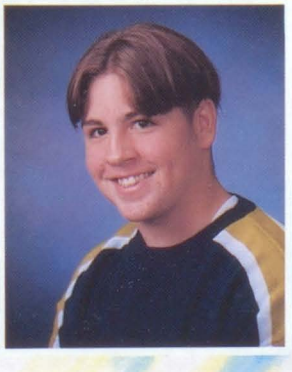



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Kristy Baumgartner
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Thomas Belemonti
Mike Bender
Kurt Berger
Kristy Bizzotto

Matt J. Blanck
Doug C. Blanton

Senior Days Are the Best Days

From homecoming, spirit week, and dances to pep assemblies, parties and float meetings seniors will always have something to remember. "My best high school memory was when Amber Tymczak and I went to Ferris State without our parents knowing and had the best time of our lives.", said Lindsey Kulba.

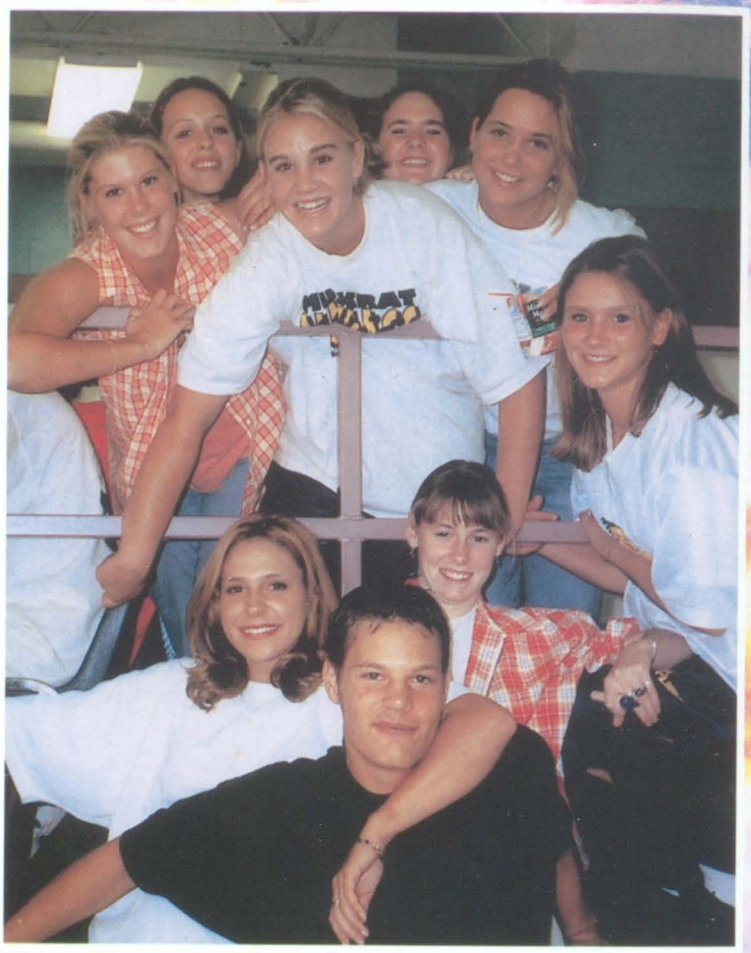
Being in school for four years, students begin to make long-lasting friendships throughout the years. Rick Hornbaker said,"I've been friends with Loren Myny forever and we've had a lot of great times together like the time when we stayed up all night after States."

Some would say that high school days are the best days. Others can't wait to get out and begin to experience "the real world". Whatever, the viewpoint the last thirteen years have enabled all of us to develop life long friendships and have some great memories.

A bad hair day?... Not for Jim Lanvers and Jeremy Gohl. For them this will be a spirit week that they will always remember.



The lunch bunch... Senior girls Lindsey Kulba, Courtney Pioszak, Kim Steward, Amy Howard, Amber Tymczak, Jenny Lenik, Angi Gerald, and Sarah Nowicki crowd around Fred Makinen making this a memorable snapshot for him, on the ever-so-popular senior stage during first lunch.



What do you remember most about high school?



"I will remember going to States and winning showmanship with my horse my junior year."
Heather Rymar

"I will remember all the fun I've had during track seasons and the time-out system."
Nick Duprey

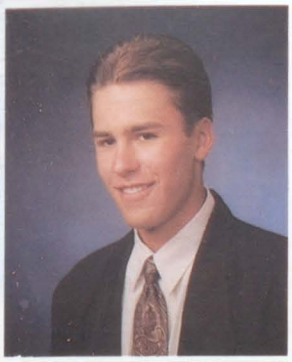


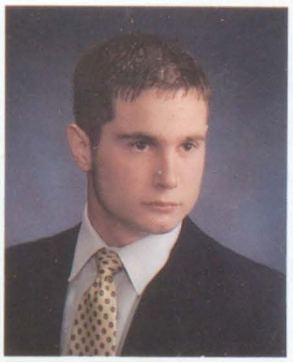
"I will remember the Powder Puff games the most, because we all came together to kick some butt!"
Sarah Nowicki

"I'll never forget when Lisa DeLaere butchered my hair during Spirit Week."
Jason Meldrum

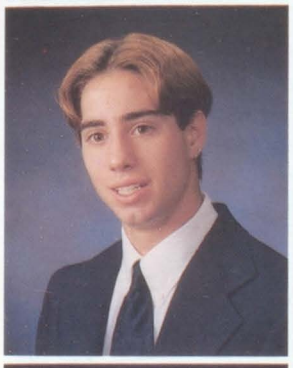
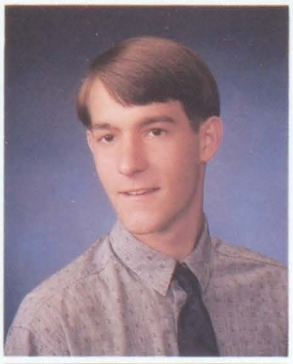


A double take... For Liz Dearie and Kate Dearie being twins not only means double the clothes, but also double the memories of their junior prom and all the fun moments of high school.






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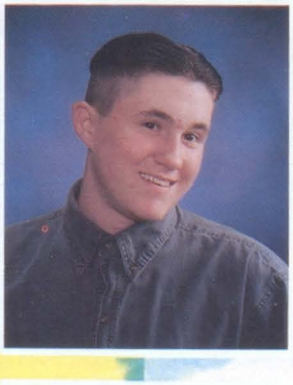


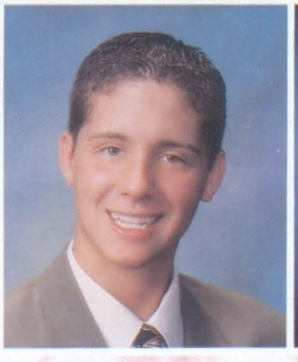
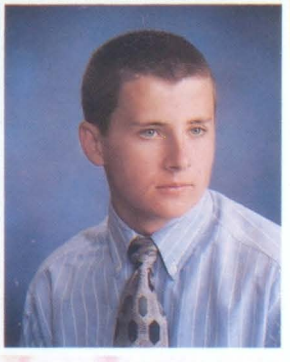
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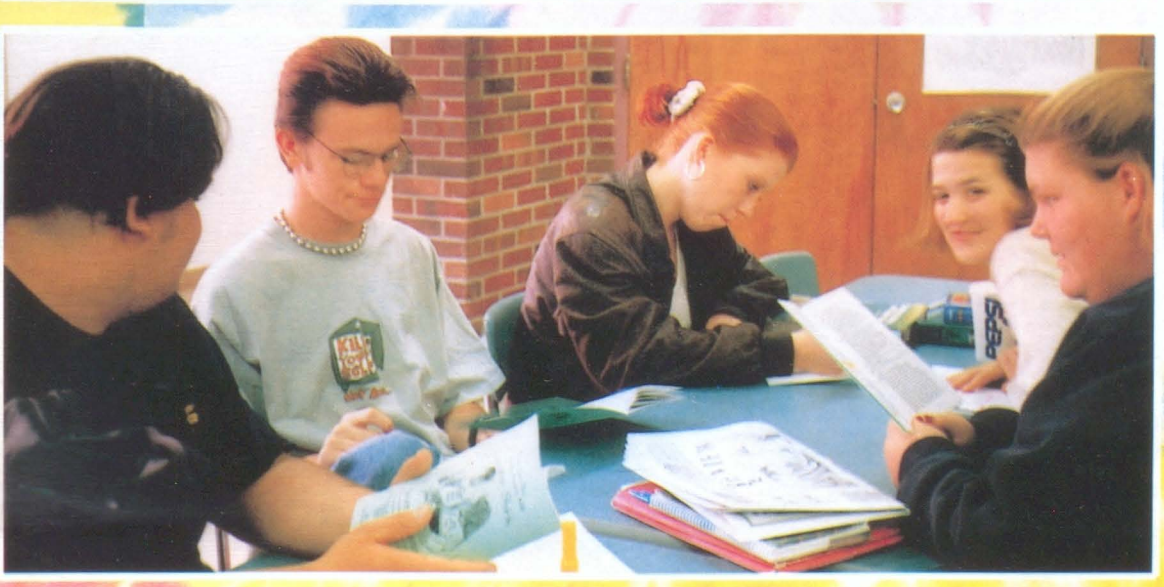



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Daniel A. Carpenter



Jeff S. Castonia
Jessica L. Chapman
Benjamin M. Clark
Ray Clark



Their Last Night Of One Acts... Jim Fernandez, Matt Shelley,Valerie Perrin, Cassie Bommarito, and Danielle Sartain go over their lines one more time before they take center stage for what could be their last time performing.

The Future is Near

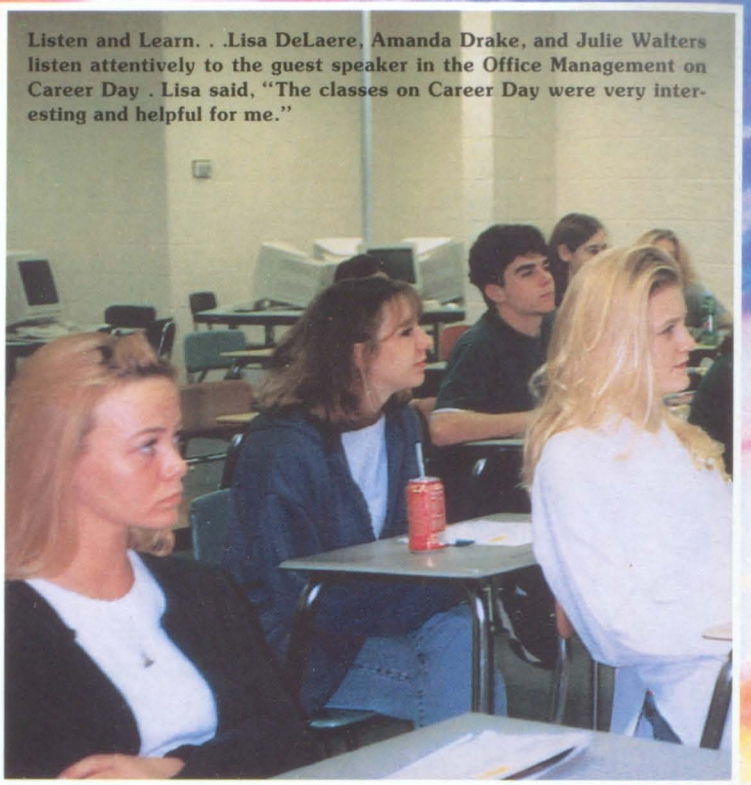
As the last year for seniors slowly fades away, seniors are faced with the challenge on deciding what they plan on doing after they graduate high school. Many seniors decide their college and career choices earlier in their high school career. Other seniors may change their minds thousands of times during high school. Some seniors decide during their senior year what they want to do while others don't decide this important decision until after they've graduated.

"So far, I have no idea what I'm going to do after I graduate," said Cassi Bommarito.

"When I was a freshman, I knew that I was headed right to Michigan State University. This year I decided that I'm rooming up there with Amber Tymzak," said Courtney Pioszak.

Taking ACT's, SAT's, AP classes, college courses, visiting campuses or seeing the recruiting officer are many ways seniors are preparing for their future.

Whatever each individual senior decides to do, their choice on what they plan to do is right for them and their future will reflect the major decision they've made when they graduated.



Listen and Learn. . .Lisa DeLaere, Amanda Drake, and Julie Walters listen attentively to the guest speaker in the Office Management on Career Day . Lisa said, "The classes on Career Day were very interesting and helpful for me."

What do you plan to do after AHS?

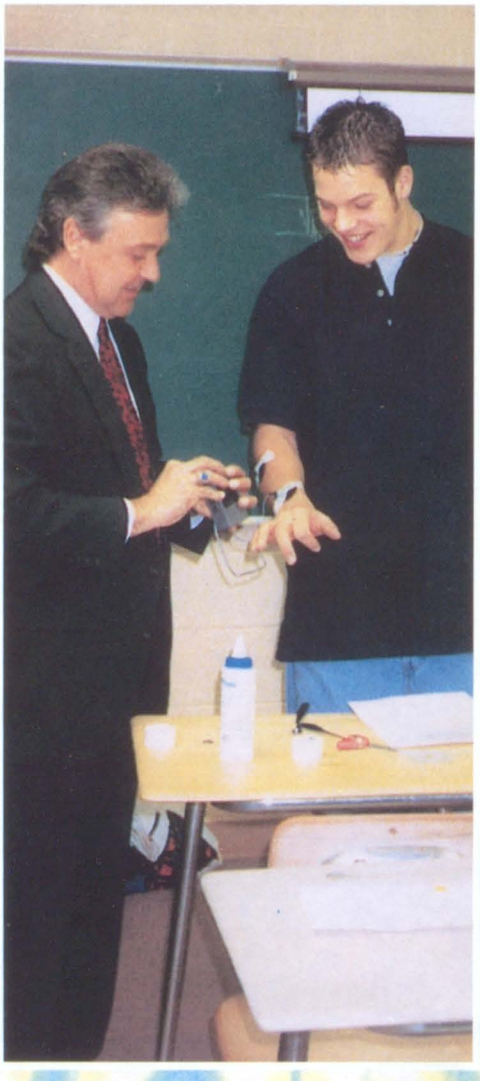
"I plan to get into the Union for a specialized trade."
Derek Reno

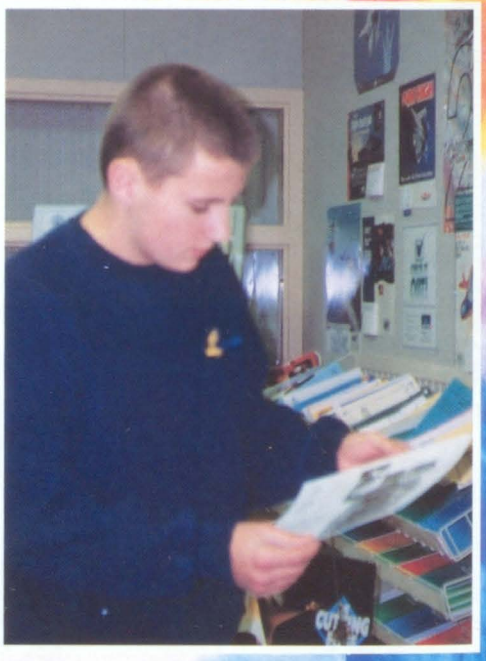
"I'm attending Ferris State University for Criminal Justice. After I graduate from FSU, I hope to be an FBI agent and get married and move somewhere warm."
Todd Lang

"I plan on going to CMU for my Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education."
Erica Worthen

"Go to ITT to become a mechanic, be more involved with my religion, snowboard in the French Alps and own Red Wing season tickets."
Chuck Lobert

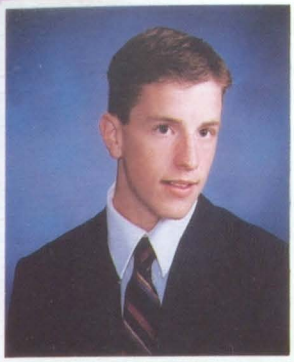
"Go to college, meet new people, see new places and be happy."
Heather Hines





Decisions, Decisions, Decisions. . .Ray Clark checks out all of the college and university applications which are always available for students. Like many seniors, Ray has decided to go away to college with Central Michigan University as his #1 choice.

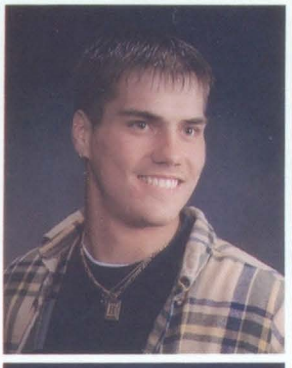
Holy Cow. . .For Fred Makinen, Career Day, which was held on December 11, was amazing as well as interesting. Here, the physical therapy speaker shows Fred and other students how the electrical muscle stimulator operates.



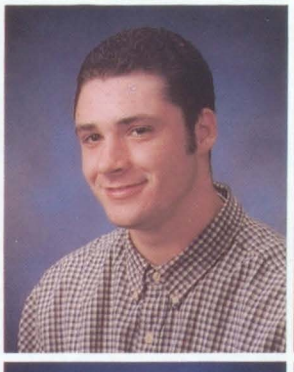



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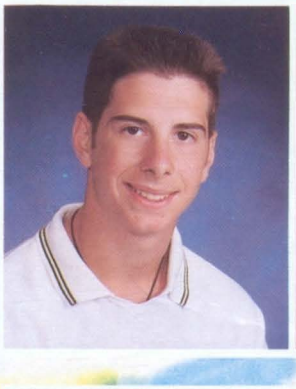
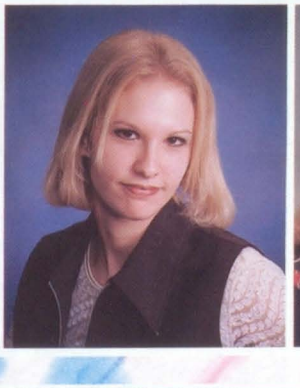



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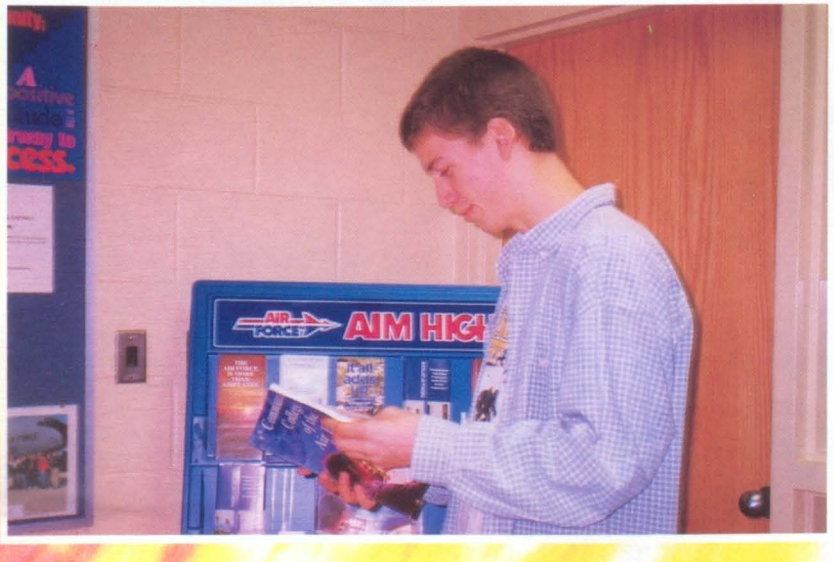


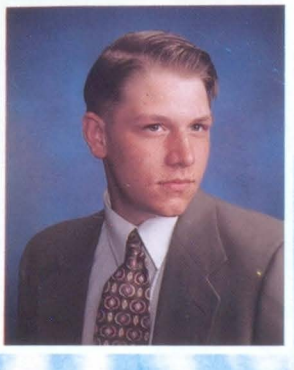
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Melanie B. Foster



Aaron Fritz
Stephanie A. Funke
Rebecca C. Gates
Angela R. C. Gerald





Ryan Gogolen

Aim High. . . Jeremy Gohl is aiming his future towards the Air Force. The counselors' office provides information for seniors whether it is for college applications, scholarships, or information about the Air Force, Army, and Navy.

Show Me the Money!

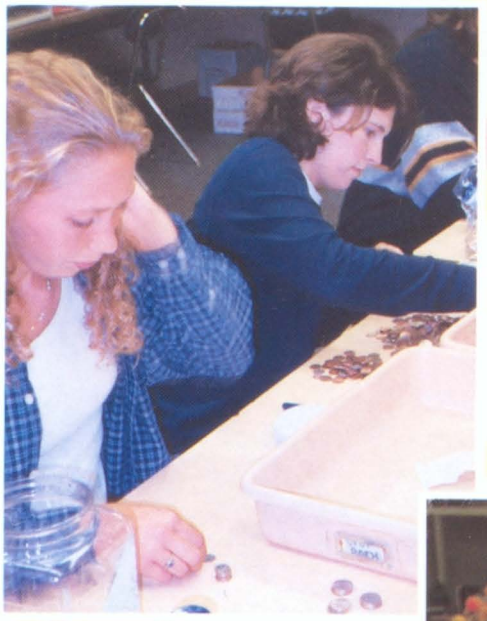
In trying to raise money for the senior color section and reunions, and keeping up with various community service projects, the 1997-98 school year was a busy year for seniors.

To earn the $3200 for senior color pictures, the class underwent many fundraisers. Candy, potato chip, flower and bake sales, can and bottle drives, glow and candy necklace sales, a VG's receipt drive, dances, the cemetery clean-up and donation requests were all organized to cover the costs. "Everything in today's society is so expensive. That's why we have to increase our fundraising, but it's hard with few ideas, and little help," said senior Angi Gerald.

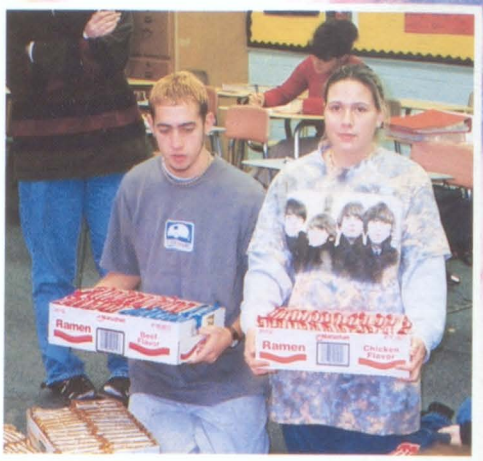
In addition to raising money, seniors were kept busy with community service projects. Ranging from canned food drives and soup kitchens to blood drives and charity contributions, there was a full schedule of projects to help out with. "Most adults think our generation is a bunch of slackers. Community service gives us a chance to prove ourselves," said senior Kim Steward.

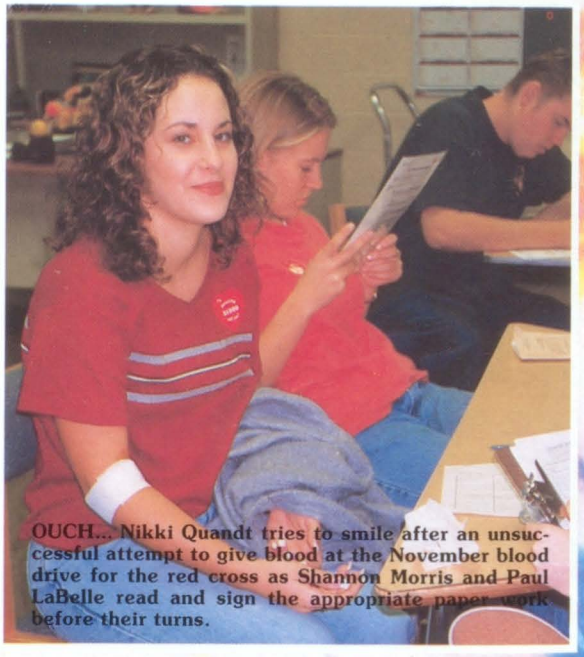
After all has been said and done, the senior class of 1998 has pulled together to overcome the many trials and tribulations that have dominated the school year, forming a memorable experience.

Cha Ching... Seniors Nicole Cameron and Heather Rymar count the change of the annual yearbook spirit string contest.



Food for the soul... seniors Josh Burr and Stacey Wagner count canned food items in Ms. Karen Jones' fourth hour geometry class for the Thanksgiving canned food drive.

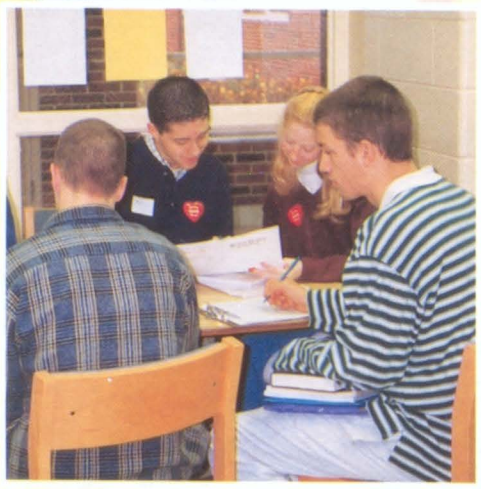




OUCH... Nikki Quandt tries to smile after an unsuccessful attempt to give blood at the November blood drive for the red cross as Shannon Morris and Paul LaBelle read and sign the appropriate paper work before their turns.



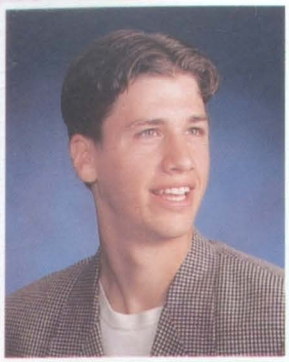
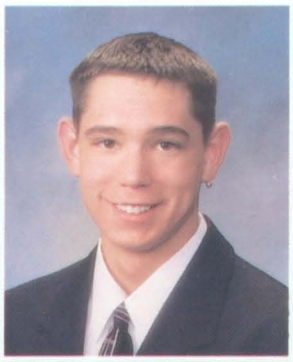
Oh no! My girdle snapped!... Fred Makinen, Andy Boyd and Steve Lochbiler have some fun while supporting the seniors at the beach bash dance on friday, December 12th.

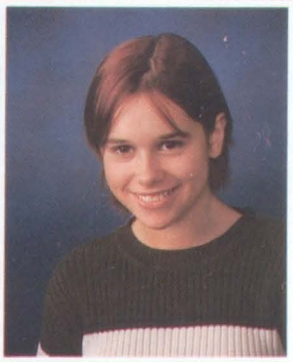


Lending a hand... N.H.S. president Ben Clark and member Lori Smith look over some papers at the N.H.S. sponsored blood drive as seniors Lucas Pelz and Jeremy Gohl sign in to give blood.

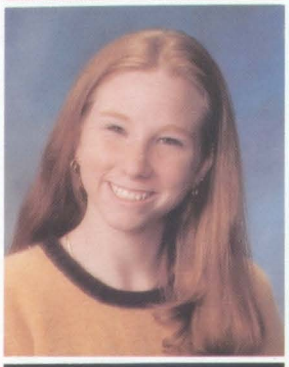
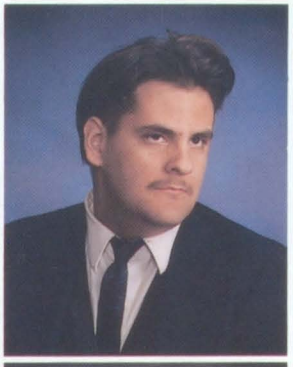


Rakin' in the dough... Seniors Katie May, Lisa DeLaere, Sarah Nowicki, Danielle Sartain, Nicole Cameron, Theresa Stahl, Amanda Hardy and Michelle Lupenski stop at the end of a November afternoon of raking leaves at the cemetery for a quick pic. Student council was granted $1000 to rake the leaves in the cemetery on two Saturday mornings.

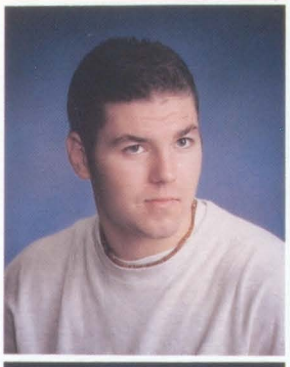


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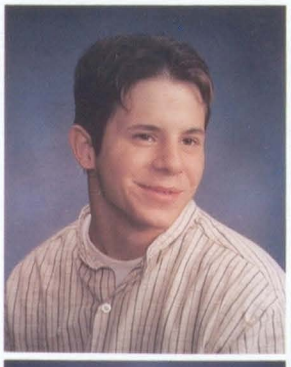
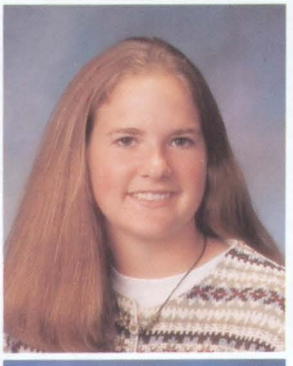


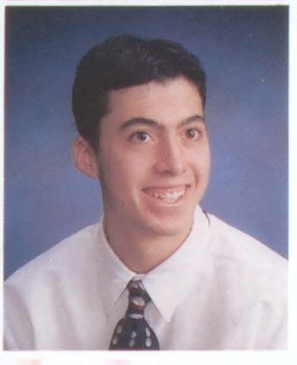
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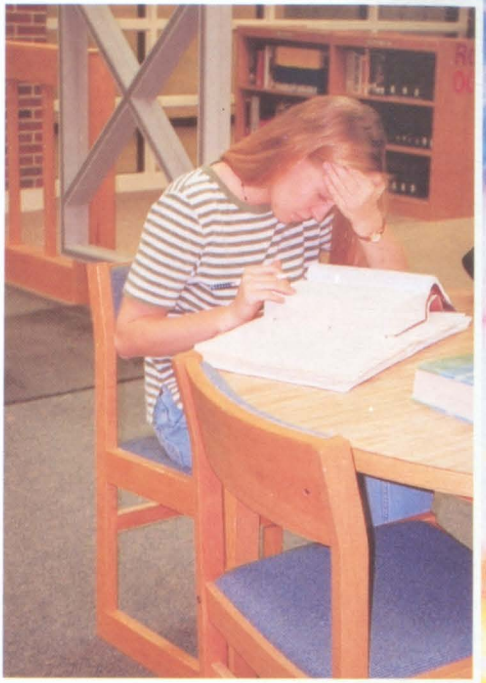
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Jason Irwin
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Amanda L. Julien
Lindsey M. Kulba

Senior Academics

Cracking the books... Shannon Morris finds sweet serenity in the library so she can study hard for one of the many College Composition tests that she will endure throughout the year.



For the seniors, it is the last time to turn in late homework assignments, make up tests or quizes, and make up excuses for being tardy.

Throughout the day seniors spend six hours in classes. Some of the classes are important, such as Government and Economics, which are needed to graduate. Other classes are optional like the infamous College Composition taught by Mr. James Holmes.

"I took College Comp. because it is a good class to prepare you for college. I also took it because an ex- college comper suggested that I should take it," said Erica Worthen.

Many seniors have many difficulties picking a schedule. Most of the classes have already been taken in previous years. Even though Government and Economics are usually offered to seniors only, a few juniors do squeeze in.

In addition to the popular College Comp. course many seniors also have the option to be a teacher's assistant, almost every teacher has a T.A. Some T.A.'s can be seen wandering the halls at any given time. Others are doing things such as, grading tests, quizes, or homework.

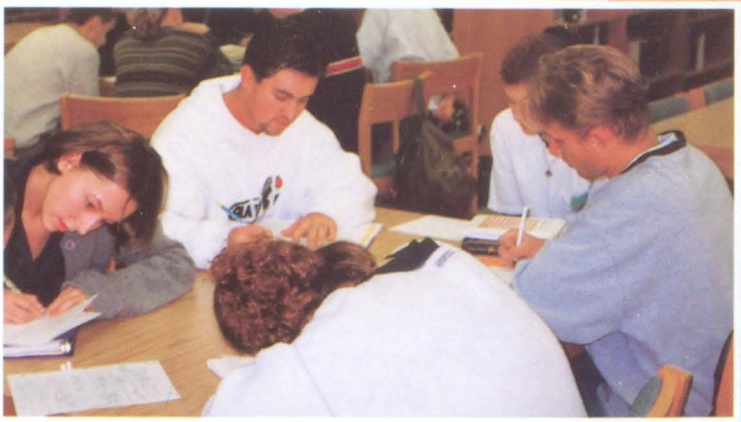
Stacey Bark said,"I chose to be a T.A. because I like to help teachers in need."

"I like being a T.A. over at the elementary because the kids make me happy, and itis a lot of fun," said Lisa DeLaere.

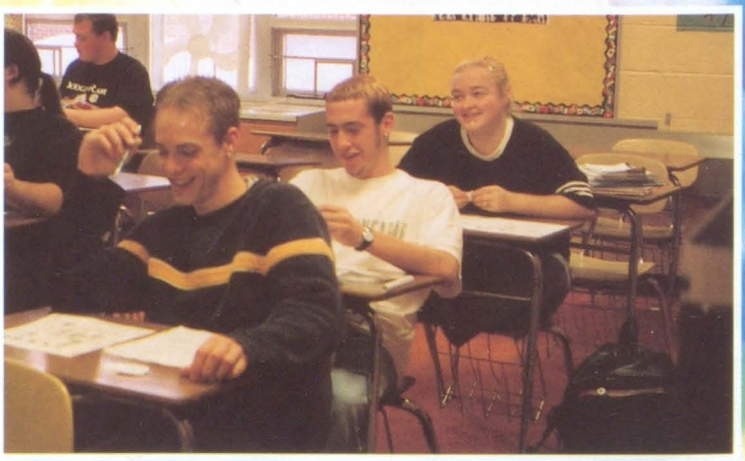
For most of the seniors, graduation is an end to endless hours of studying and homework. For the rest it is the beginning of their life.



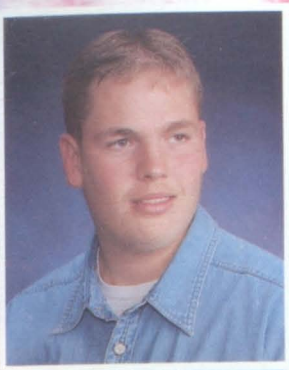
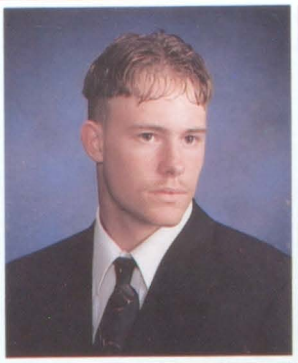
Searching for samples... Stacey Bark flips through the pages of one of the old yearbooks to find an example of the spread she is working on.



Concentrating on College Comp... Lissette Waldeck, Jeff Arpan, Erin Weatherdon, Graham Puranen, and Melanie Foster listen during the jigsaw exercise to get all the information they can in ten minutes.



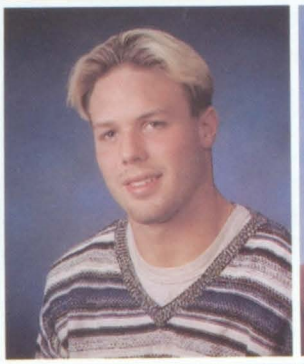
Smiles all around... David Kowalski, Josh Burr, and Brandy Carithers smirk when Stinky, Ms. Shag's skunk, makes his debut on the first current event day during her sixth hour Government class.

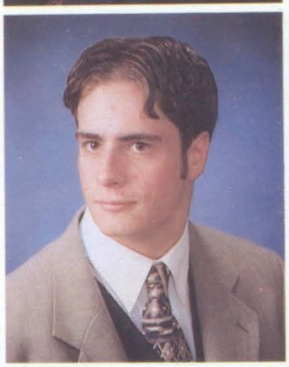
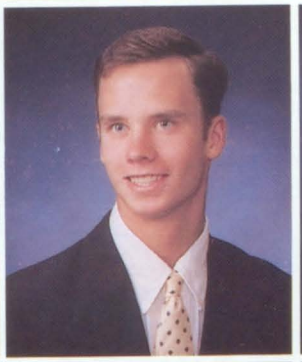


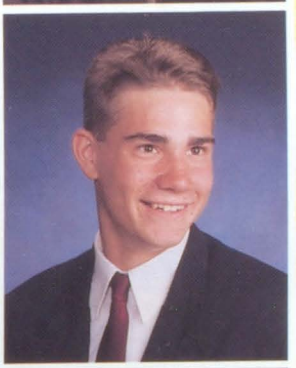
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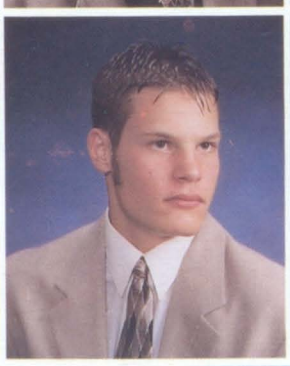
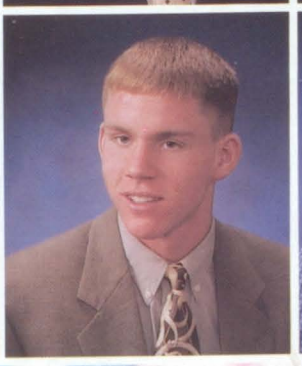



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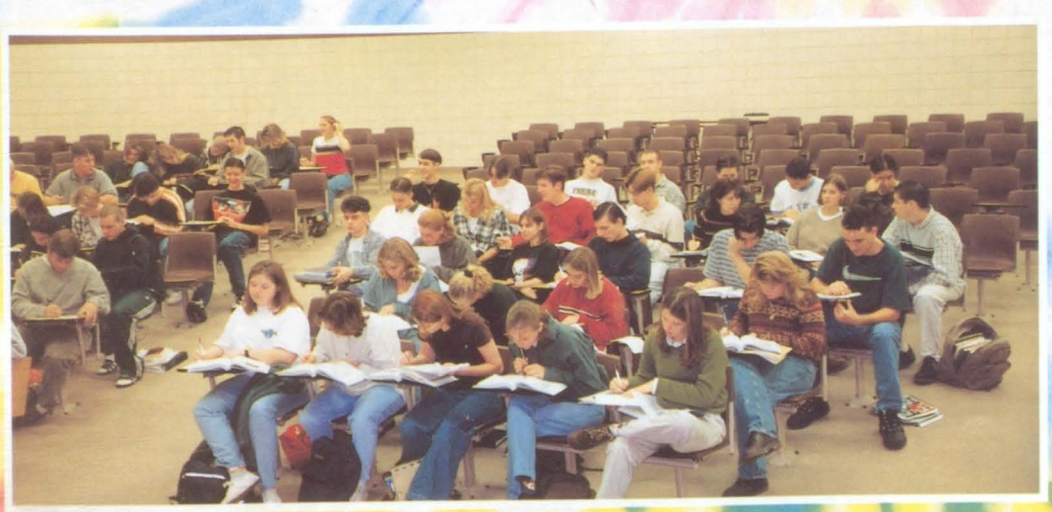


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Frederick J. Makinen
Nate Maroney
Jason D. Maul
Katie May



Passing the time... Seniors who have first hour Government work diligently in their text books in the lecture hall, while waiting for a guest speaker to talk about the "real world."

Workin' 9 to 5

Why would anyone work after school when they can be out having fun? Well, it takes cash to have all that fun that you want to have. So, where do you get that money you need? It's going to have to be either your parents or your going to have to get a JOB!

Most students from Algonac high find jobs in places like K-mart, Anthony's, Arbor, and Hungry Howies. Some students drive as far as Chesterfield and Marysville to go to work. At these jobs the average pay is minimum wage or $5.15 an hour. Any student under the age of eighteen legally works around 20 hours.

Working keeps the average student very busy during the week. Having school six and a half hours a day and sports doesn't leave much time for work, but we manage to squeeze in a couple hours at the job.

A job, a necessity to most students life.



Free Refills....Erin McNeely works hard at McDonalds preparing customers orders and taking orders. Erin works with many of her classmates here at McDonald's.



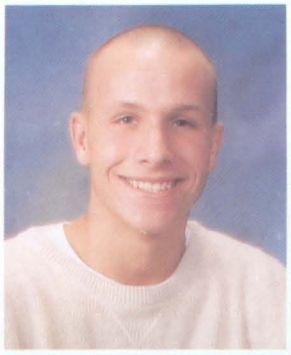
Sharrows Service...In her spare time Erin Weatherdon works as a cashier at Sharrows Marathon gas station to earn some extra cash.



Pizza, Pizza...Standing proud, Corry Jobin shows off Little Caesars new BIG!BIG! promotion.



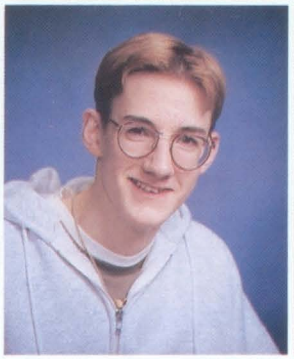
Tagging items...While working at Arbor Drugs, Josh Burr stays busy by keeping the shelves stocked and the items tagged.



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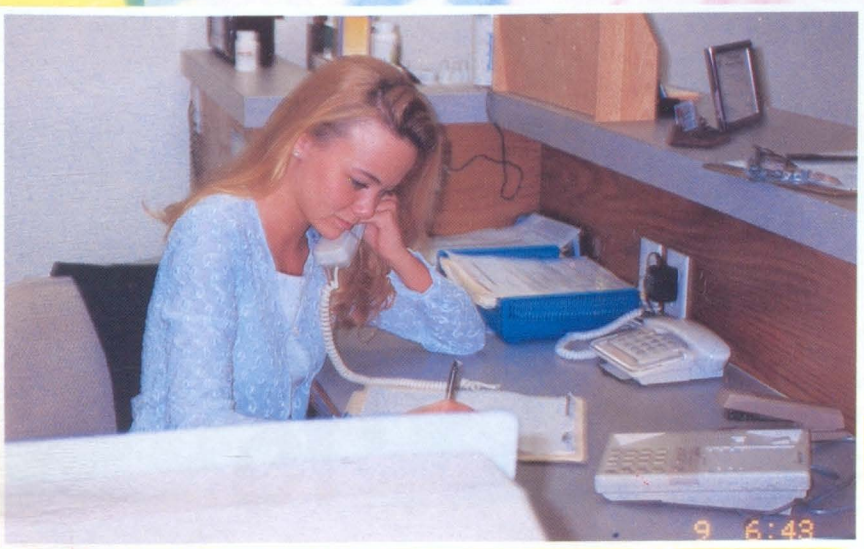



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Making Appointments.....Lisa DeLaere keeps track of customers' appointments at Lifecare Chiropractic. She answers phones and wishes happy birthday to preferred customers.

We've Come a Long Way Baby

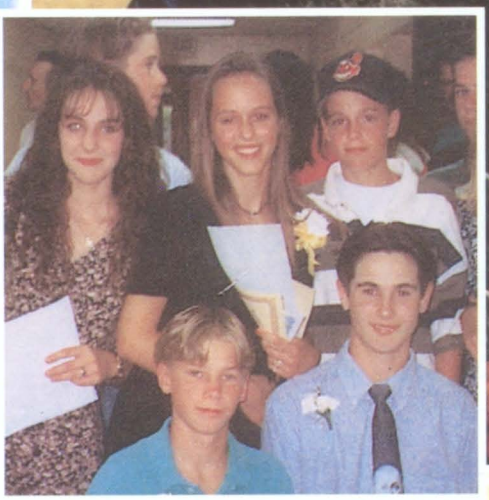
From big permed hair and braces to after school jobs and college applications- we've come a long way baby.

Thirteen short years ago, the class of '98 boarded the bus for the first time. "I remember in kindergarten we used to clean our desks with shaving cream and it was like, the most exciting thing that ever happened," senior Cassi Bommarito. "It was so much better back in elementary school when Calvin Klein and the way you looked weren't important," said Josh Burr.

Since those carefree days of elementary a lot has changed, especially in the fashion. Suddenly tight rolled jeans and doubled socks were replaced by khakies and flannels. "Hair got smaller and pants got bigger," laughed Corry Jobin. Ben Clark agrees,"There has been much improvement in the fashion department."

We traded in our New Kids on the Block tapes for alternative CD's, exchanged the MC Hammer and Roger Rabbit for the Train (we kept the YMCA).

Graduation Day... Nikki Quandt, Dave Pearson, Jacob Barnes,Robbie Bryson, and Dustin Boyd are all dressed up for eighth grade graduation.



Tree Hugger... At sixth grade camp Ray Clark had to hug a tree as his punishment for mouthing off to his cabin councilor.



Kindergarten Cuties... Katie May and Don Maes serenade the crowd at kindergarten graduation.

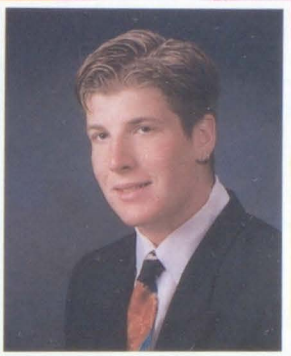


Little Monsters... Michelle Lupenski, Heather Rymar, and Cassi Bommarito hung out on the Pte. Tremble playground.



Forever Friends... Even in early elementary school Amber Tymczak and Lindsey Kulba were good friends.



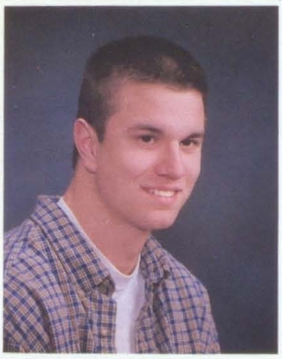



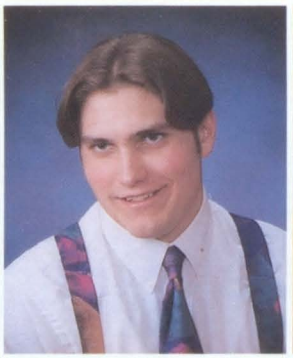
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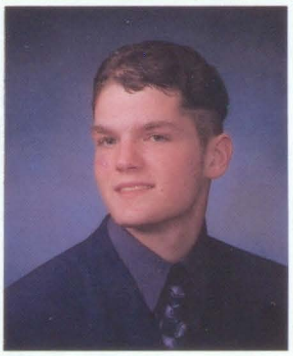
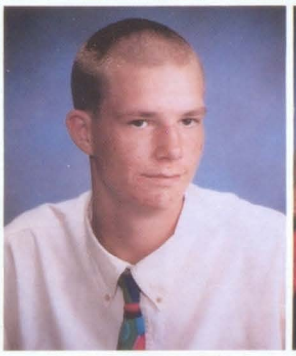



Adrian Richardson
John Richardson
Annie Rockwood
Tina M. Rohn






Willis C. Rohn
Theresa L. Rose
John Runde
Brandi Russell


Heather M. Rymar
Fran J. Sampier
Clifton Sartain
Danielle Sartain



Medieval Times... During the class trip to Chicago, Ray Clark, Scott Cameron, Amanda Griffin, and Margeaux Peters take time from their dinner to watch the entertainment at Medieval Times.

Life After School

Part time jobs, parties, dances, practices, and talk shows. Yes, life does exist after 3:00 p.m. Whether they're improving their athletic skills, hanging out with friends, or just kicking back and watching the tube, Seniors lead busy lives after school.

Many of us have had to get after school jobs to pay for our car's ever demanding gas tanks; not to mention our extreme fashion obsessions. The local economy has been greatly affected by our after school earnings.

For most of us, "Senior Year" means "Party Year". "I love to party after school!" said Kim Steward.

Then, there are practices. Seniors try their hardest to achieve top performance for their final year of high school. "When I'm not practicing I'm either eating or sleeping.", said Kate Dearie.

Of course many of us prefer a life of luxurious laziness. Relaxing on the couch is the perfect after school activiy for a lot of Seniors. "I love Jenny Jones.", said Jennie Lenik. Finally, there are some of us who enjoy doing nothing at all. Like Jason Solgot who said, "I do nothing after school. I'm the laziest kid in the world."

One quote to live by:



"Happiness isn't getting what you want; it's wanting what you have."
Christina Coughlin



"Focus on what's important. Let mean people deal with the rest."
Katie May



"Never quit at anything; always try your hardest."
Jeremy Gohl



"The more you eat, the happier you are."
Kate Dearie

Kicking out the jams...Rock band Manifest Destiny with Jeff Werner, Wayne Harrington, Jamie Wylie, Corry Jobin, Loren Myny, and Lucas Pelz rock at Loren Myny's Homecoming party.

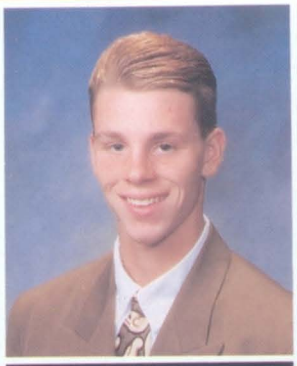


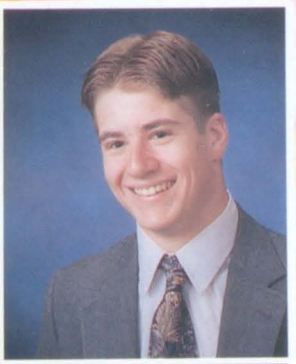




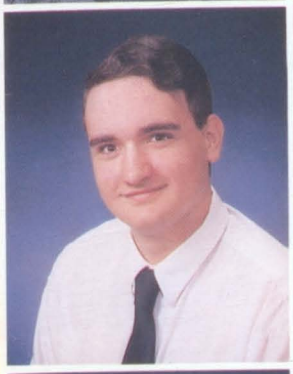
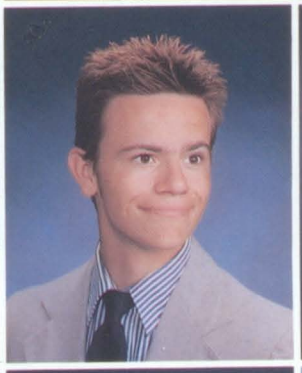
They made it through the first day...Amber Tymczak, Courtney Pioszak, Shana Cadena, and Sarah Nowicki relax after the first day of their Senior Year.

Senior Student Council Front Row: Annie Rockwood, Ray Clark, Courtney Pioszak, Lisa DeLaere, Nicole Cameron Second Row: Erica Worthen, Amber Brackett, Theresa Stahl, Margeaux Peters, Heather Rymar, Ben Clark Back Row: Melissa Pauwels, Kelly Langdon, Stephanie Zryd, Rebecca Gates, Katy Basehore

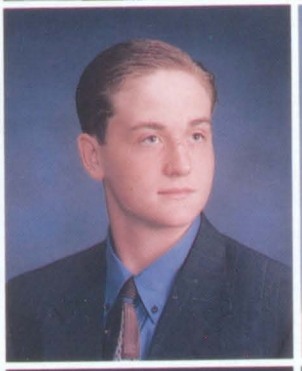
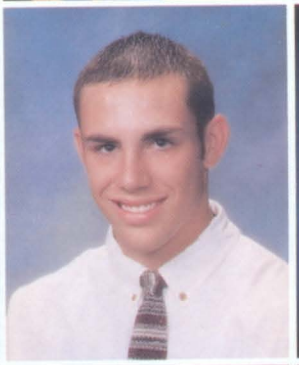


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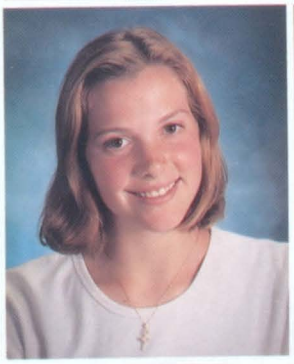
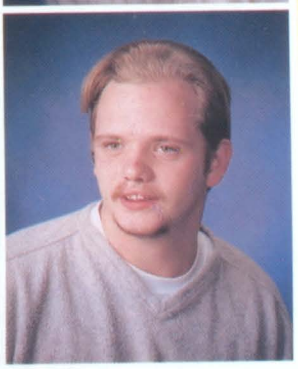


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Melissa A. Smith
Nathan C. Smith
Jason Solgot
Amy A. Solomon



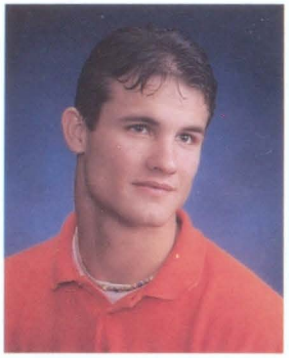



Theresa L. Stahl
Kimberly A. Steward
Nicole M. Stone
David Szumal




Megan Taylor
Tracie Telesz

Pat Thomas
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Erin M. Turner
Amber Tymczak
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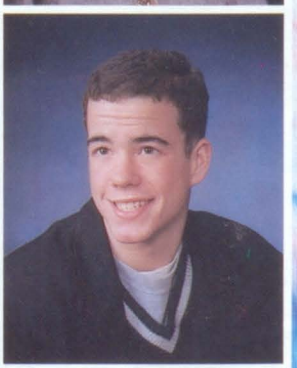

Angela Wagner
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Amy Ward






Erin Weatherdon
Jeff Werner
Annamay Willey
Paul Wilson



Vinnie Winkler
Erica M. Worthen
Michael C. Wright
Stephanie Zryd






Chowing down... For some seniors, lunch is a time to catch up on all the homework. For others like Dan Carpenter, Lori Smith, and Ben Clark, lunch is a time for just taking a break and having fun.

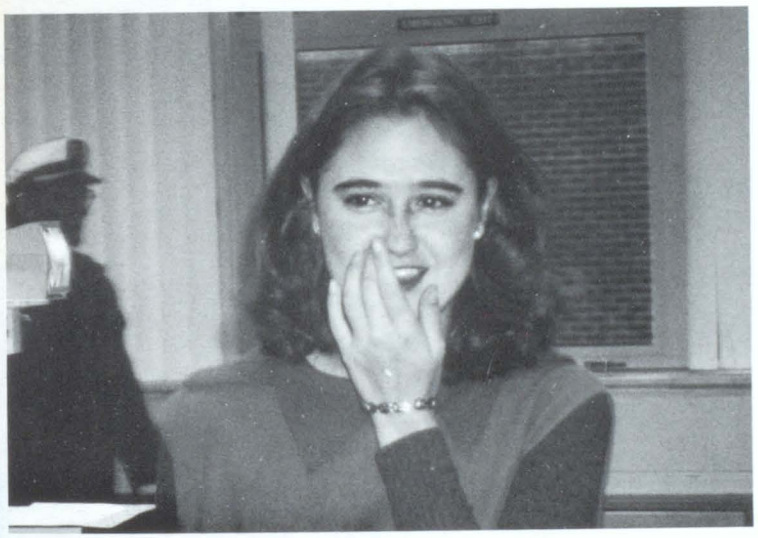
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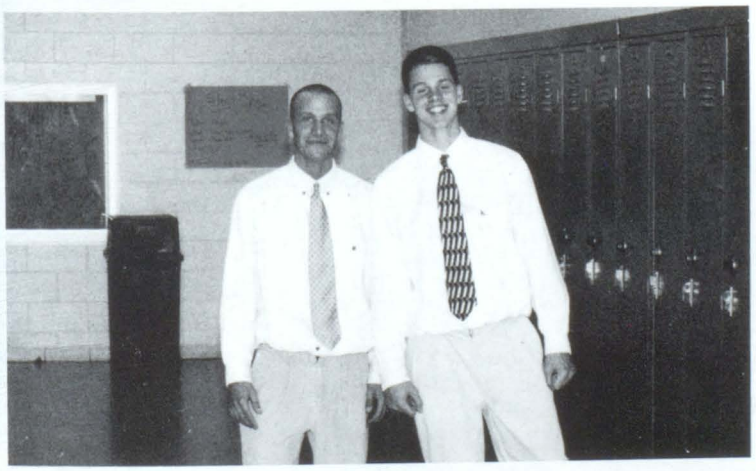


The time has come for the seniors to say their good-byes. The great times of school will stay with everyone for a long time and the four years here will be missed! "I am glad to be leaving AHS but I will miss my friends and Mrs Licari," said Josh Burr.

While some are headed off to college and others are just going to take a break from the whole school scene, everyone will be happy to get out of school. Michelle Lupenski said,"I'm glad to be finally graduating and moving on, but I will miss my friends and the whole Class of '98 because everyone will be going in different directions and it will be weird not waking up and going to school with them everyday."

Different perspectives fill the halls. As graduation approaches, each senior often takes time to look back on the past. At times it seemed like getting to this day took forever, yet now the last year has gone so fast. In a year filled with lasts, the time has come to leave. Julie Walters said, "It was a long four years, but I survived." Jeff Werner said, "I think it's great to be getting out of here and I had a great time here." Clifton Sartain said, "Been fun, have a nice life and I hope to see you all again."





Bye, Bye AHS... Melissa Pauwels wipes a tear from her face as she remembers the fun of spirit week and halloween dress-up.

All Dressed Up... For the varsity basketball game, Jason Meldrum and Bobby Schrader strike a pose, so that everyone will remember them.



Jump, Jump... Adding points to the senior class already undefeated score Chris Laux gives Hector DeSadeleer a boost to grab the senior plate at the fall pep assembly.

Seniors not pictured:

Jacob Barnes
Adam Bryan
Jared Davis
Cheryl Gamble
Jeffrey Geremesz
David Kowalski
Brooke McDermott
Kelly Savage
Marcia Sultes
Martin Sultes
Shawn Thomas
Lisa Thome
Jonathan Yaroch

ACHIEVEMENTS

CLASS OF '98!

Andrea L. Albert- SADD,12: Special Delivery,10,11,12

Gary Altman- NHS,11,12: Science Olympics,11,12: Varsity Football,11: Hockey,9,10: Tennis,9,10,11,12

Jeffrey A. Arpan- Golf,12

Katie Atherton- T.A.,12: Soccer,11,12: J.V. Basketball,9,10: Basketball,11,12: J.V. Volleyball,9,10: Varsity Club,12

Todd Atherton- Track,12

Art Bachmann- Hockey,9,10

Timothy M. Barber- Co-op,11: Skill Center,11,12

Stacey R. Bark- Yearbook,12: Skill Center,11: Powder Puff,11,12: J.V. Softball,9,10: Softball,11,12: J.V. Football,9: T.A.,12

Katy Basehore- NHS,11,12: Band,10: Colorguard,10: Winterguard,10: T.A.,12: Drama,12: Powder Puff,11,12: J.V. Cheerleading,9: Cheerleading,11,12: Track,10,11,12: Student Council,12

Kristy Baumgartner- Newspaper,12: J.V. Softball,9,10: Softball,11,12: J.V. Volleyball,9,10,11

Marty Belemonti- Soccer,11,12: Hockey,9,10

Thomas Belemonti- Mr. Muskrat,11: Soccer,11,12: Hockey,10

Kurt Berger- Science Olympics,9

Matt J. Blanck- Quiz Bowl,9,10: Science Olympics,9,10,11,12: Taft Road Jazz Band,9,10,11,12: Symphonic Band,9,10,11,12: Eastshore Symphonic Band,12

Doug C. Blanton- Band,9,10,11,12: Symphonic Band,9,10,11,12: T.A.,12

Kurtis J. Bolia- Hockey,9,10: Wrestling,12

Catherine Bommarito- Newspaper,10,11,12: T.A.,10,12: Drama,12: Powder Puff,11,12: Track,9,10,11,12: Student Council,9,10,11,12: French Club,9

Dustin Boyd- Homecoming Court,9,12: Mr. Muskrat,10,11,12: T.A.,10,12: J.V. Basketball,10: J.V. Football,10: Football,10,12: Track,9,10,11,12

Amber Brackett- Yearbook,11,12: Editor,12: Band,9: Symphonic Band,9: T.A.,12: Student Council,12

Jayson Breitmeyer- J.V. Basketball,10,11: Track,10

Robert R. Bryson Jr.- J.V. Basketball,9: Cross-Country,10,11,12: Track,10,11,12: Varsity Club,12

Josh Burr- Mr. Muskrat,10,11,12: T.A.,10: Drama,12: Cross-Country,10,11,12: Track,9: Varsity Club,12

Shana C. Cadena- NHS,11,12: Rainbow Connection,9,10,11,12: Homecoming Court,12: T.A.,12: Drama,11: Powder Puff,11,12: J.V. Basketball,9,10: Basketball,11,12: J.V. Softball,9,12: Softball,11,12: J.V. Volleyball,9: Volleyball,10,12: Varsity Club,12

Nicole Cameron- NHS,11,12: Varsity Club,10,12: Yearbook,10,11,12: Editor,12: Symphonic Band,9: Marching Band,9: Homecoming Court,11,12: Powder Puff,11,12: V. Cheerleading,10,11,12: Track,10,11,12: Class Officer,10,11,12: SC,9,10,11,12: SC Pres.,12

Brandy Carithers- Drama,9: French Club,9,10

Daniel A. Carpenter- T.A.,12: French Club,10,11

Jessica L. Chapman- SADD,9,10,11,12: Quiz Bowl,12: Science Olympics,10,11: Yearbook,12: Band,12: Colorguard,12: Special Delivery,9,10,11: Rainbow Connection,12: T.A.,12

Benjamin M. Clark- NHS,11,12: Quiz Bowl,9: Newspaper,11,12: Band,9: Symphonic Band,9: Drama,11: Tennis,9,10,12: Class Officer,12: Student Council,12: French Club,9,10,11: Youth Advisory Council,10,11,12

Ray Clark- NHS,11,12: Quiz Bowl,12: Science Olympics,12: Mr. Muskrat,12: T.A.,12: Drama,11,12: Powder Puff,11,12: Tennis,12: Track,10: Student Council,9,12: Class Officer,12: SC Sergt.-In-Arms,12: J.V. Football,9,10: Football,11,12: Varsity Club,12

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Lisa M. DeLaere- Yearbook,11,12: Co-Op,10,11,12: Homecoming Court,10,11: T.A.,12: Powder Puff,11,12: J.V. Softball,10,11: Tennis,9: Student Council,9,10,11,12: Class Officer,12: SC Treasurer

Noah A. DeLange- Skill Center,12: Drama,12: Varsity Football,11,12

Hector DeSaedeleer- Yearbook,12: T.A.,12: Varsity Basketball,9,10,11,12: Varsity Baseball,9,10,11,12: Varsity Football,9,10,11,12: Varsity Club,12

Jeff DeSot- Newspaper,12: Mr.Muskrat,9,10: J.V. Basketball,9,10,11: Basketball,12: J.V. Football,9: Football,10,11,12

Amanda Drake- Skill Center,11

Nick DuPrey- Varsity Club,9,10,12: Homecoming Court,12: Mr. Muskrat,9,10,11,12: T.A.,12: Drama,12: Soccer,12: J.V. Basketball,10: J.V. Football,9: Track,9,10,11,12

James T. Fernandez- Quiz Bowl,12: Science Olympics,9,10: Newspaper,10,11,12: Band,9,10,11,12: Taft Road Jazz Band,9,10,11,12: Symphonic Band,9,10,11,12: Mr. Muskrat,11,12: T.A.,12: Drama,10,11,12

Melanie B. Foster- Special Delivery,9,10: Rainbow Connection,12: T.A.,12: Drama,11,12: Powder Puff,11,12: Dance Team,12

Aaron Fritz- Yearbook,12: Rainbow Connection,9,10,11,12: Mr. Muskrat,10,12: Soccer,11,12: Cross-Country,9,10: Track,9,10,11,12: Varsity Club,12

Stephanie A. Funke- Newspaper,11,12: T.A.,12: Powder Puff,12

Rebecca C. Gates- Science Olympics,12: Special Delivery,9: Powder Puff,12: Class Officer,12: Student Council,9,10,11,12: French Club,9,10,11,12

Angela R.C. Gerald- Varsity Club,10: Newspaper,11,12: Editor,12: Mr. Muskrat,11,12: T.A.,12: Drama,11: Powder Puff,12: Cross-Country,10,11: Track,9,10,11,12

Ryan Gogolen- Science Olympics,10,11: Tennis,10,11,12

Jeremy J. Gohl- Newspaper,12: T.A.,12: J.V. Basketball,9: Cross-Crountry,10,11,12: Track,9,10,11,12

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Amanda Griffin- T.A.,12: J.V. Cheerleading,9,10: Tennis,9: Student Council,9

David D. Harbowy II- SADD,10

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Misty Harvey- Soccer,11: Equestrian,10,11,12

Adam P. Henderson- Newspaper,12: Hockey,10,11: Varsity Football,11

Paul Hensley- Science Olympics,10,11

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Rick Hornbaker- Yearbook,12: Homecoming Court,10: Mr. Muskrat,9,11,12: T.A.,12: Drama,11: Cross-Country,10,11,12: Track,9,10,11,12: Wrestling,9,10,11,12: J.V. Football,9: Varsity Club,12

Chris Hotchkiss- Track,10: Wrestling,11,12

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Amanda L. Julien- Skill Center,11,12: Powder Puff,11,12: French Club,10

Lindsey M. Kulba- Yearbook,12: T.A.,12: Powder Puff,11,12

Paul LaBelle- Mr. Muskrat,12: Track,12: Wrestling,10,11,12: J.V. Football,9: Football,10,11,12

Todd Lang- T.A.,12: Varsity Club,12: J.V. Football,9: Football,10,11

Kelly Langdon- NHS,11,12: Science Olympics,11,12: Dance Team,11,12:Student Council,10,11,12: Class Officer,12: Class Pres.,12

Jimmy Lanvers- Varsity Club,10,11,12: Mr. Muskrat,11: T.A.,10,11: Drama,12: J.V. Baseball,9: Baseball,10,11,12: J.V. Basketball,9,10: J.V. Football,9: Football,10,11,12: Student Council,10

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Jennifer Lenik- Newspaper,12: T.A.,12: Drama,12: Powder Puff,11,12: Equestrian,9,10,11,12: J.V. Basketball,9: Track,9,10,11,12: Student Council,12

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Donald W. Maes II- NHS,11,12: Varsity Club,10: Skill Center,12: Track,9: J.V. Football,9: Football,10,11

Frederick J. Makinen- Varsity Club,12: Mr. Muskrat,11: T.A.,12: J.V. Baseball,9,10: Baseball,11,12: Wrestling,10: J.V. Football,9: Football,10,11,12

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Reyne Modestino- Yearbook,11,12: Co-Op,12

Valerie Monet- NHS,11,12: Quiz Bowl,11,12: Science Olympics,10,11,12: Drama,11: Track,10,11: French Club,9,10,11,12: T.V. Studio,11,12

Charlie Monzo- Skill Center,11,12

Ben Moroschan- Newspaper,12: Band,9,10,11: Smphonic Band,9,10,11: T.A.,12

Shannon S. Morris- Varsity Club,12: Mr. Muskrat,9,10,11,12: T.A.,10,12: Drama,12: Cross-Country,9,10,11,12

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Sarah Nowicki- NHS,12: Newspaper,12: T.A.,12: Mr. Muskrat,12: Powder Puff,11,12: J.V. Basketball,9,10: Basketball,11,12: Track,9,10,11,12

Jennifer Papiez- NHS,11,12: Band,9,10,11: Symphonic Band,9,10: T.A.,112: Drama,12: Track,9: French Club,10,11

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Lucas Pelz- Skill Center,12

Valerie J. Perrin- T.A.,10,12: Drama,11: J.V. Cheerleading,10: French Club,9,10,11,12

Margeaux D. Peters- NHS,11,12: Newspaper,10,11,12: Editor,12: T.A.,12: Drama,11,12: Powder Puff,12: J.V. Cheerleading,9,10: Cheerleading,11,12: Tennis,9: Class Officer,9,10,12: S.C.,9,10,11,12: Class Pres.,12: Varsity Club,12

Beth Pfeiffer- Co-Op,11,12

Courtney R. Pioszak- NHS,11,12: Yearbook,11,12: T.A.,12: Powder Puff,11,12: J.V. Cheerleading,9: Cheerleading,10,11,12: Track,9,10,11,12: Class Officer,9,10,12: Student Council,9,10,11,12: SC Secretary,12: Varsity Club,12

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Derek Reno- Co-Op,12: Skill center,11,12

Adrian Richardson- Tennis,12: Track,11,12: J.V. Volleyball,9: Volleyball,10,1,12: French Club,9,10,11,12: Varsity Club,12

John Richardson- Co-Op,12

Annie Rockwood- Band,9,10: Symphonic Band,9,10: Homecoming Court,10,12: T.A.,12: Drama,11,12: Powder Puff,11,12: Varsity Cheerleading,11,12: J.V. Softball,9,10: Softball,11,12: Student Council,10,11,12: Homecoming Queen,12: SC Vice President,12

Tina M. Rohn- SADD,10,11,12: Special Delivery,9,10,11,12: Skill Center,11

Theresa L. Rose- Yearbook,12: Band,9,10: Symphonic Band,9,10: T.A.,12: Powder Puff,12: J.V. Softball,9,10: Softball,11,12: Varsity Club,12

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Brandi Russell- Special Delivery,9,10: Skill Center,11,12

Heather M. Rymar- NHS,12: Quiz Bowl,10: Yearbook,10,11,12: Editor,12: Powder Puff,11,12: Equestrian,9,10,11: Student Council,12; French Club,9

Fran J. Sampier- NHS,11,12: Band,9,10,11,12: Taft Road Jazz Band,11,12: Symphonic Band,9,10,11,12

Clifton Sartain- Skill Center,11,12

Danielle Sartain- Yearbook,12: Skill Center,11: T.A.,10,12: Drama,12: Powder Puff,12

Robert Schrader- Newspaper,10,11,12: Homecoming Court,10,12: Mr. Muskrat,10: T.A.,10,12: J.V. Basketball,9,10,11: Basketball,12: J. V. Football,9: Football,10,11,12: Varsity Club,12

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Don Schweihofer- Varsity Club,10: Co-Op,12: Skill Center,11,12: Wrestling,10: J.V. Football,9: Football,10,11,12

Michael J. Sears- Skill Center,11,12

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Nathan C. Smith- Yearbook,9,10,11,12

Jason Solgot- J.V. Baseball,9: J.V. Basketball,9: Basketball,10,11,12: Varsity Club,12

Amy A. Solomon- T.A.,9: Powder Puff,11,12: J.V. Softball,10

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Kimberly A. Steward- NHS,11,12: Newspaper,12: Powder Puff,11,12: J.V. Basketball,9: Basketball,10,11,12: Mat Maid,9: Varsity Softball,9,10,11,12

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David Szumal- Track,9

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Erin M. Turner- Special Delivery,9: Skill Center,11,12: T.A.,12: Dance Teaam,12: J.V. Cheerleading,11

Amber Tymczak- T.A,10,12: Powder Puff,11,12: Skill Center,12

Timothy J. Ulman- T.A.,9,10: Track,9,10

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Jeff Werner- Homecoming Court,12: Homecoming King,12: Mr. Muskrat,11: T.A.,10: J.V. Baseball,9

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Vinnie Winkler- Skill Center,11,12: J.V. Baseball,10: J.V. Basketball,9,10

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Junior Spirit Soars High

Student involvement helps to make a long year more enjoyable. Being sports fans and participating in sports, dances, and homecoming show school spirit. These activities keep me going and involved. These involvements make time go by quickly. "Without playing sports and watching games, I would have too much time on my hands, " said Sara Donaldson.

In the fall football games are a popular way to spend Friday nights. When winter comes basketball, volleyball, and wrestling are the events to attend. "I like to attend basketball games because it gives me something to do," said Sandy Harrington.

Most high school students get involved during homecoming time. Spirit week shows a lot of AHS spirit. As a junior, students are considered an upperclassman and have more seniority in the school. "I'm glad to finally be an upperclassman and be giving the push-ups instead of doing them," said Shawn Martin.

An all year event that happens here is dances. The first big dance here is homecoming in the fall. After homecoming, dances come every month or two. Usually there is a Christmas, Valentines, and Spring dance. Students get together and have a blast dancing out on the floor. "I like to go to dances because it's a good social event," said Stacie Parsons.

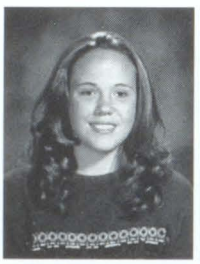
As time at Algonac High School grows shorter for juniors, the memories are still growing. Time passes by so quickly with each passing year one learns that being involved counts every moment.

Class of 1999

Susan Allison
Shannon Allor



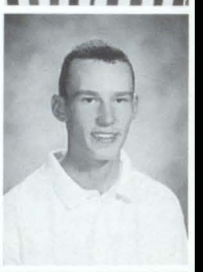

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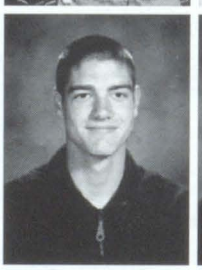
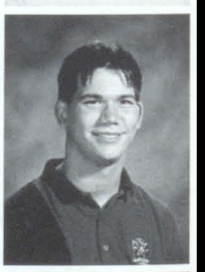


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William Becker

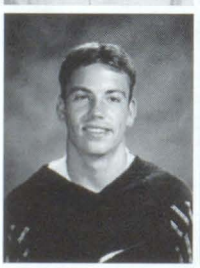


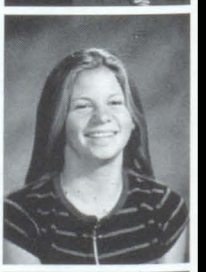


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Andrew Benedict

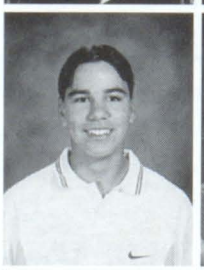




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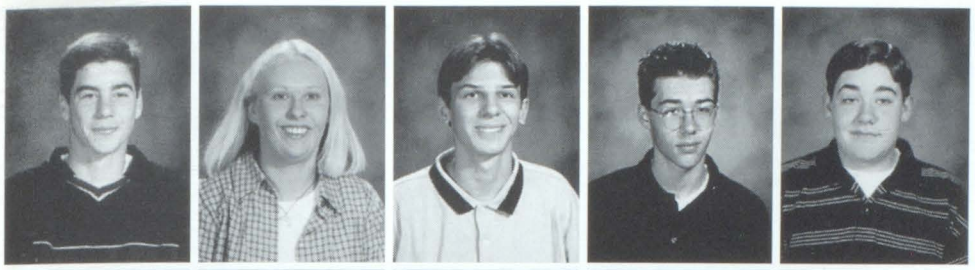




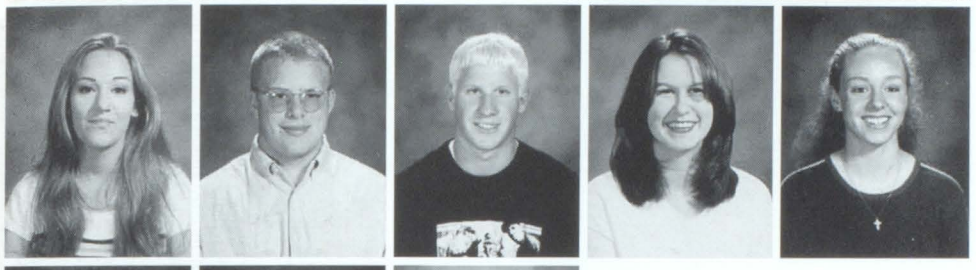
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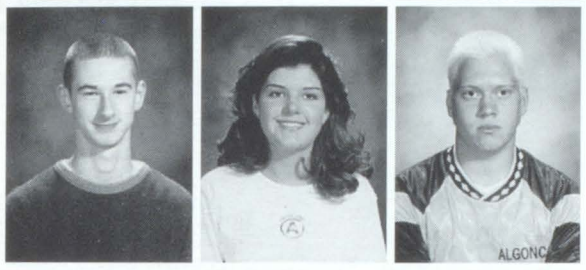




Andy Boyd
Vicki Boyll
Mike Bristol
Brian Brockmiller
Brian Brown



Rachel Bruce
Jacob Bryson
Clayton Byerly
Kerry Capadagli
Heather Castle



Glenn Champine
Justine Chontos
Allen Chwan





Let's Go Blue...Junior cheerleader, Tara Nixon, gets the crowd pumped up at a football game.

Chuggin' Down...Andy Boyd gets the juniors class points after winning the pop drinking contest.

Chillin' with your friends on the Weekends!

Let's Party! Friday is the first night of the weekend activities when most Juniors are looking for a party to start off the weekend.

Becky Russell said,"My favorite thing to do is party with my friends."

"On the weekends I just party or go out with my friends," said Ian Conyers.

"I hang out with my brothers, Noah, Boyd, and Sramek," said Ben Coomer.

"My favorite place to hang out on the weekends is at my girlfriend's house if I had one," said Sean Keller.

Juniors also have responsibilities on the weekends, including jobs and home responsibilities.

Noah Weiss said, "I work at Hungry Howie's."

"My responsibilities are to help around the house, do all my homework, and laundry," said Nicky Duvernay.

Christy Owens said, "I work with my dad and sometimes I babysit."

SURVEY: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PLACE TO EAT?

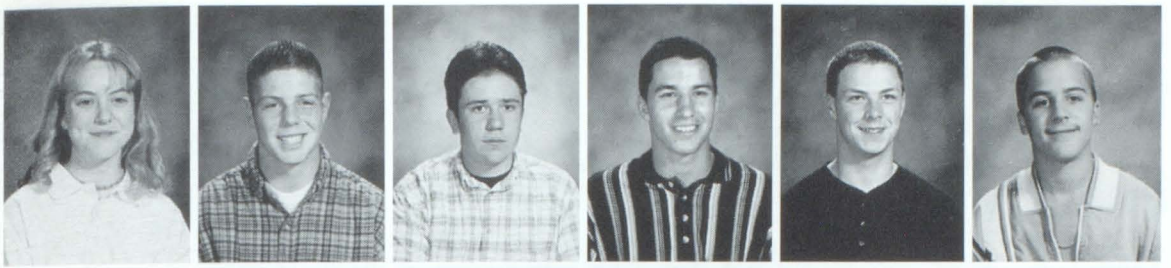
Taco Bell 33%
Home 11%
Burger King 11%
Ponchos 11%
Applebees 11%
The Raft 4%
McDonalds 4%
Hooters 4%
Margaret Jeans 4%
Ruby Tuesday 2%
Hot-n-Now 2%
Olive Garden 2%
The Horn 1%

Ya Buddy...Clayton Byerly, Erin Rickard, Sarah Drake, Jackie Hoover, Heather Castle, Elizabeth Sullivan, Melody Love, Samantha Hallman, Tara Nixon, and Kerry Capadagli celebrate the completing of their float before the Homecoming Parade on friday.

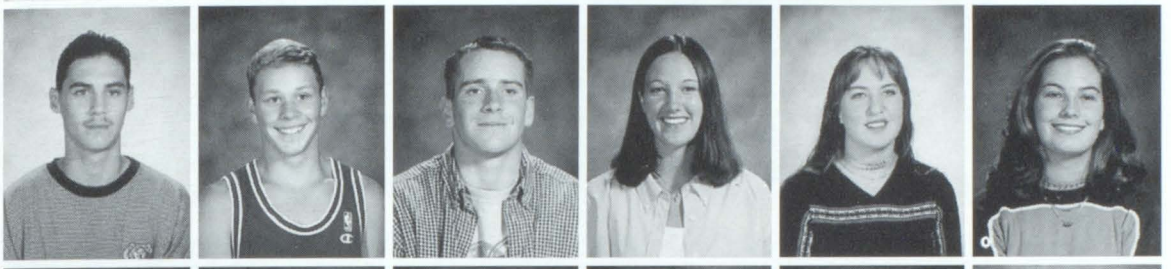




Happy Birthday...Becki Besaw, Michell Redmann, Susan Allison, Vicki Boyll, Heather Castle, and Kerry Capadagli gather at C.J. Barrymores to have fun with Birthday girl Melody Love on her 18th Birthday.



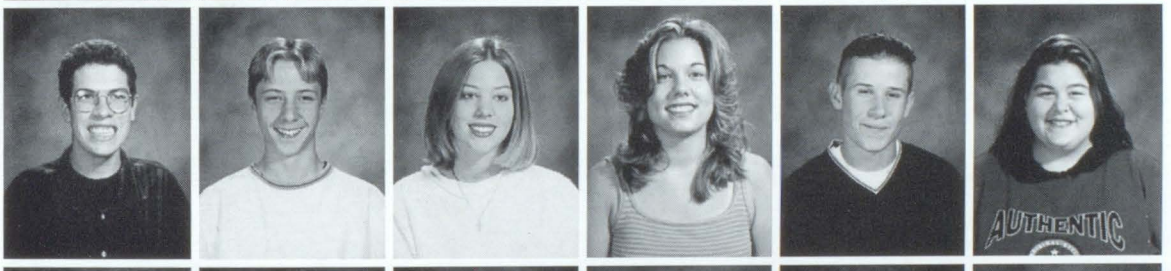
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Sarah Drake



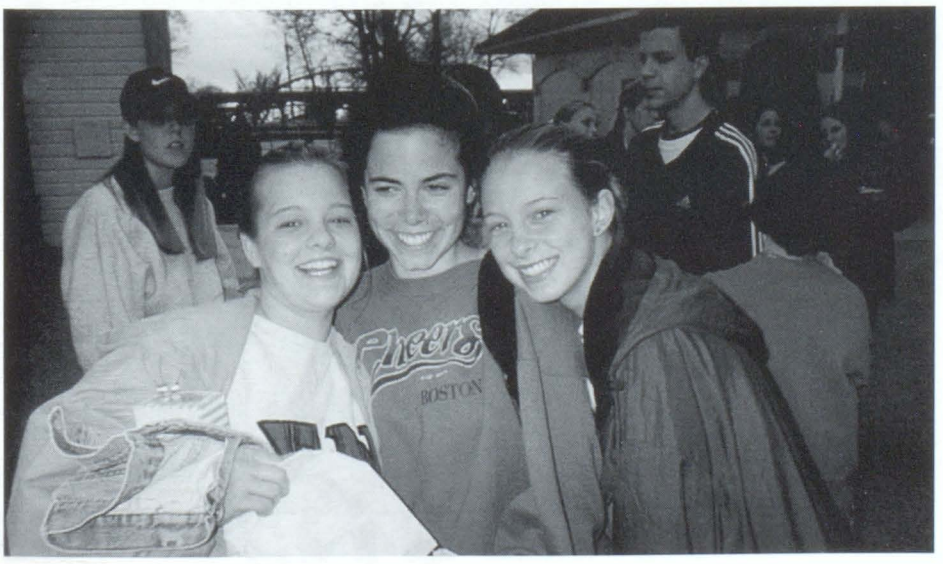
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Justin Ferraro



Jared Filzek
Jordan Flaga
Sarah Fogg
Hope Francis
Thomas Funke
Julie Geer



Chantelle Gendron
John Gerds
Nicole Gifford
Gabriela Giura
Kristin Gogolen
Stephanie Goral



Say Cheese...Tara Nixon, Nicky Duvernay, and Erin Rickard have a blast at Cedar Point.

Best Friends...From the Beginning to the End

Through your high school years you see friends come and go. There is that certain someone, that seems to be there for you when the going gets tough. That certain someone you could call your best friend. "I think a best friend is someone you can go to for advice and no matter how big your problem is, you know that they will do their best to help you out," said Clayton Byerly.

A best friend is someone you can count on, someone to be your shoulder to cry on, or just someone that is there to cheer you up when you are feeling down and the day seems like it will never end. "To me a best friend is someone who is there for you when you need them most, someone who stands behind you no matter what, someone who supports the decisions that you make no matter what or how bad they may be," said Erin Rickard.

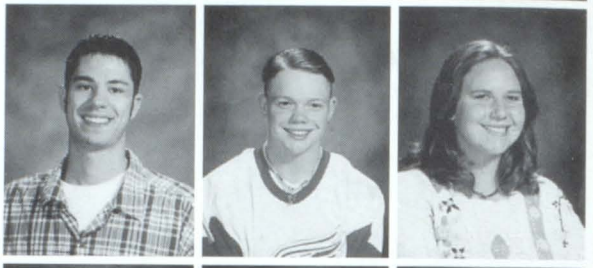
A best friend is someone who you can just hang out with in your free time. It really doesn't matter what you do just as long as you are together. "I think a best friend is someone you can always have a blast with, someone you can trust and someone who is always there to give you support," said Megan Bosman.

Your best friend could be anyone, your boyfriend, your cat, or even your mother. No matter who your best friend is though, they will give you the gift of friendship and memories that will last a life time.

Kipp Gorinski
Brent Gossett
Richard Grant



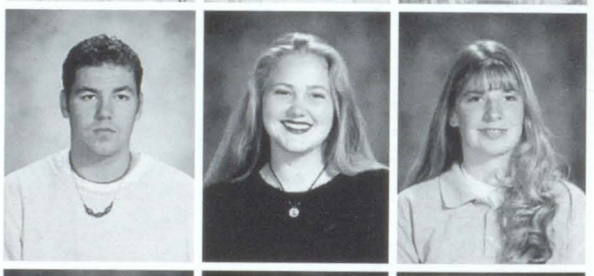
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Randall Green
Sherry Grissom



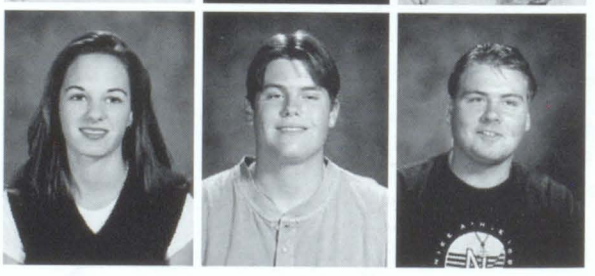
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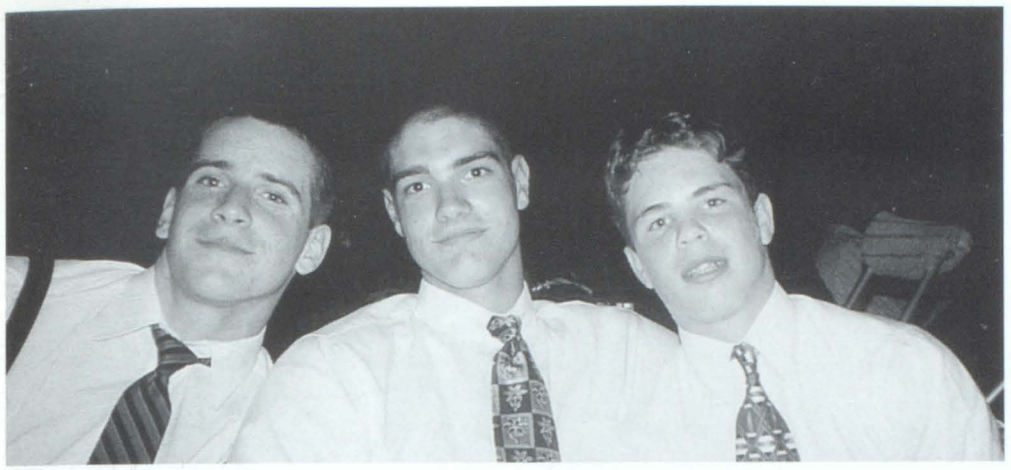


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Evan Jarvi



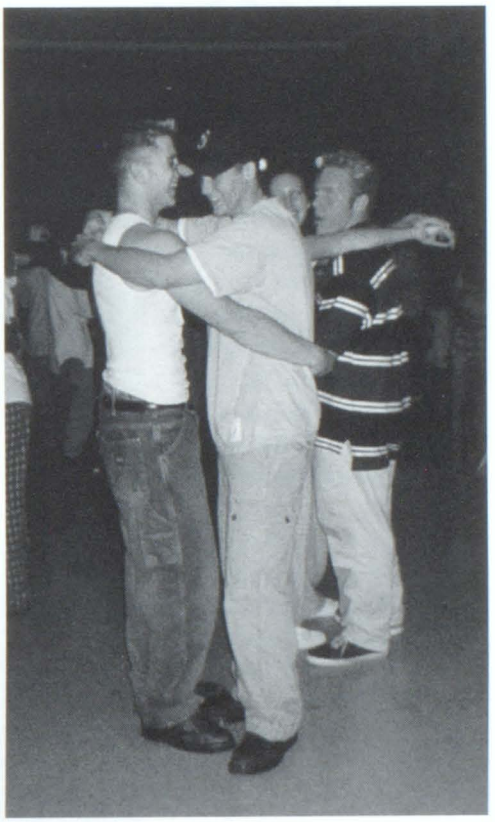


Best friends...Sarah Drake, Teressa Zelenock, Sarah Prudhomme, and Katy Basehore take a quick break from working the concession stand during a football game to pose for a picture.



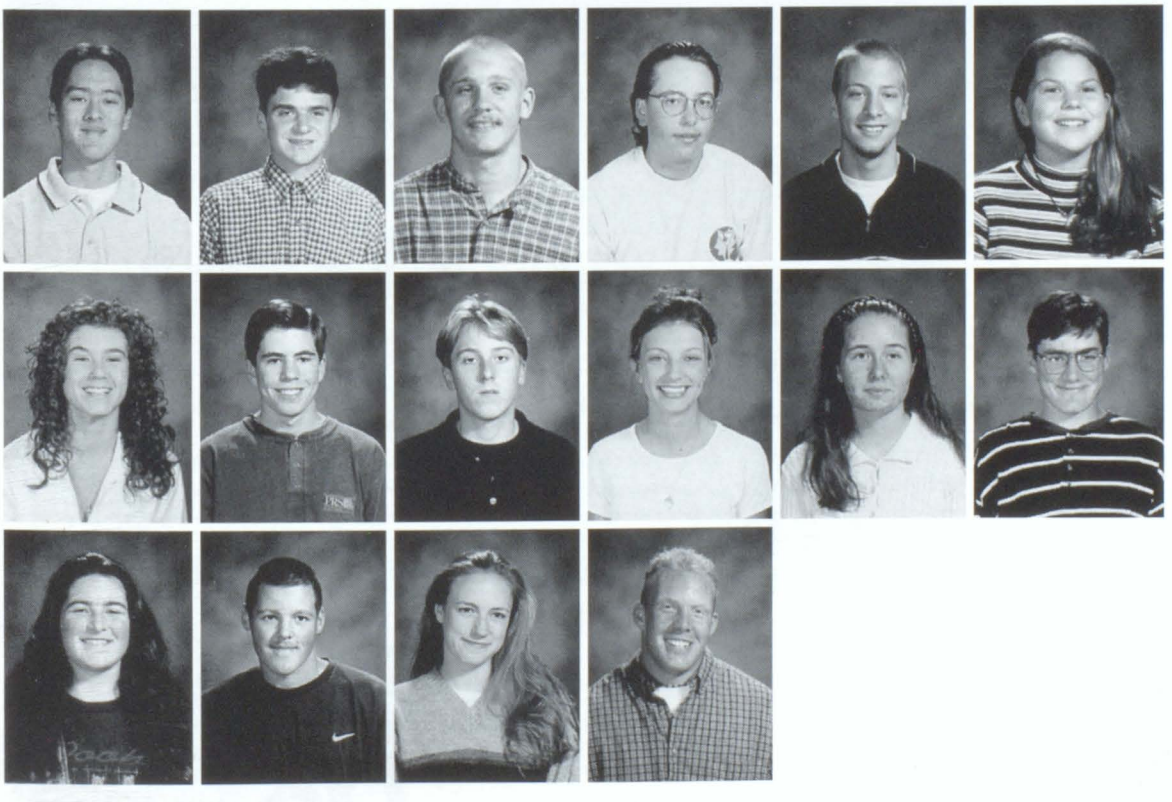
Best friends...Sam Dobbs, Kevin Beindit, and Rick Rank hang out together at the homecoming dance.

Best friends...Noah Weiss and Zac Sharrow get personal at the pajama dance.





Best friends...Kerry Capadagli, Aricka Tuttle, Melissa Tabor, Gabriela Giura, and Nicole Tabor ham it up for the camera at this year's homecoming dance.



Michael Jones
James Kandler
David Kavanaugh
Jacob Kicknosway
Andrew King
Samantha Kish

Nikole Klein
Robert Lane
Steve Laparl
Michelle Lee
Christine Levitt
Patrick Long

Melody Love
Timothy Love
Jodie Mackie
Shawn Martin

Driving Me Crazy

Cars bring a lot of responsibility. Having to pay for everything, including gas, insurance, oil changes, tune-ups, new tires, and cleaning your car. Some unforseen expenses imposed by ownership may include tickets, and accident damages. These expenses could prompt students to get a job. Andy Boyd says "Having a job allows me to have my Oldsmobile Cutlass Calais and help pay for it."

Living in a small town means that often jobs are far away. Morgan Bell said: "Having a car is the advantage of being able to work not so close to home."

Having a car also brings independence. "Having a car makes things a lot easier with practice after school, I don't have to wait for my parents to come pick me up," said Zac Sharrow.

Friends can provide transportation to places or to activities that many friends may participate in. A student having a car will have more convenience and will save some aggravation to themselves and to others. Rob Sampier said, "The car enables me to be able to go wherever I want."

"Having a job to pay for a car gives you more responsibility and freedom." said Joe Bertrand.

"If you have your own car you don't have to ask other people for rides." said Noah Weiss

Amanda Puranen echoed the sentiments. "You don't have to rely on other people for a ride."

Basically if you have your own car there are advantages, as well as, disadvantages. But as long as you know what you are in for a car is something fun and comes in handy.

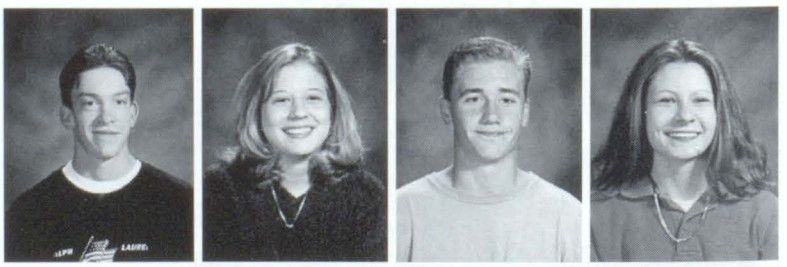


Just Chilling... Junior Noah Weiss takes some timeout of his busy schedule to chill on his ride.

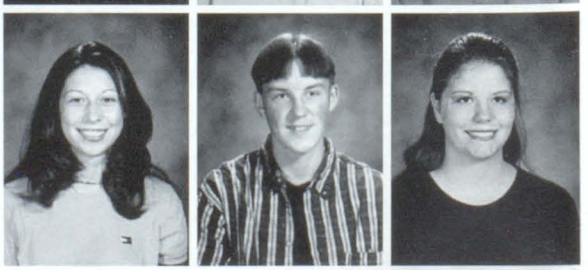


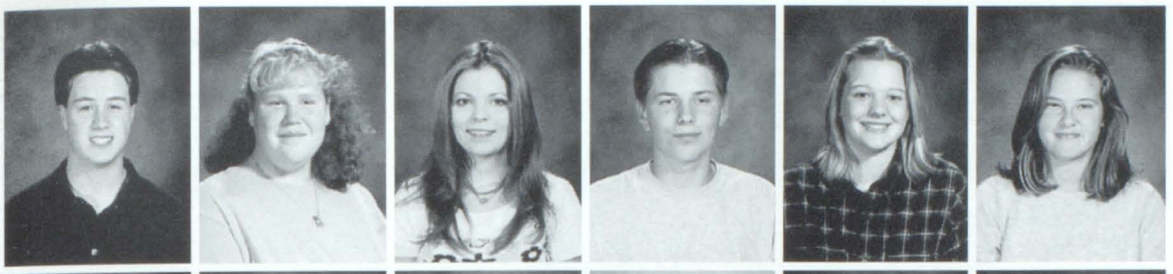
Waiting for a ride... Junior Andy Boyd waits for Zac Sharrow to come out of school for a ride after a hard day at school.

Jesse Maxwell
Jennifer Mayea
Russell McCone
Cristin Meadows



Kristy Medrano
James Mertz
Melissa Minnich





David Minter
Bethann Monzo
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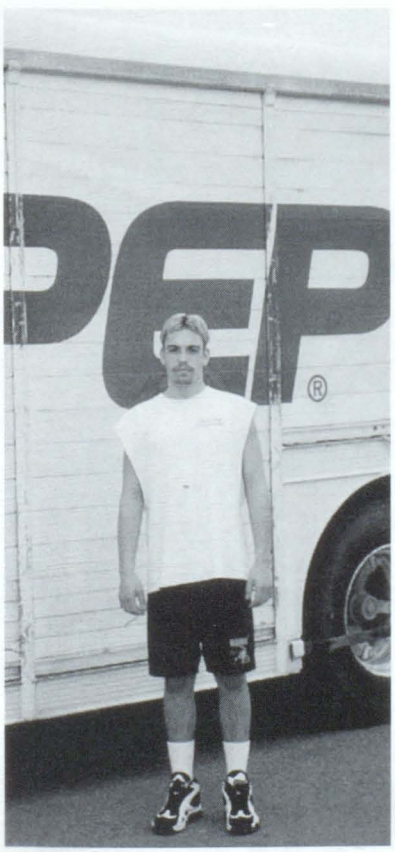
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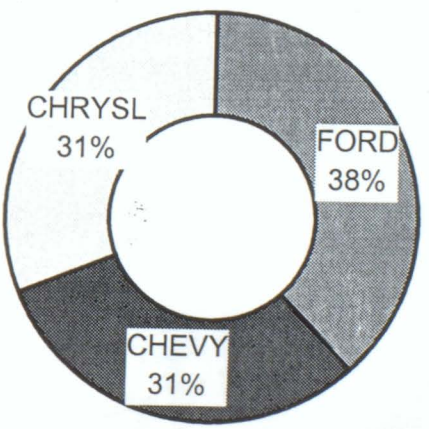




Giving a helping hand... Junior Joe Bertrand takes time out of gym to help the pepsi man.

Showing his pride... Junior Zac Sharrow shows his pride standing on his truck.

Juniors favorite cars



Jason Sauerberg
Nick Schade
Kristin Schnoor
Allen Schroeder
Jennifer Schuch
Zachary Sharrow








Melody Shellabarger
Tammy Smith
Stacie Sniezek
Kim Sobanski
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Fred Starcher
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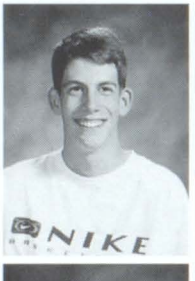







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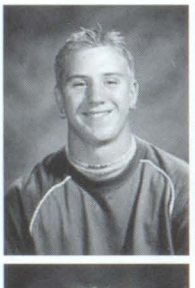


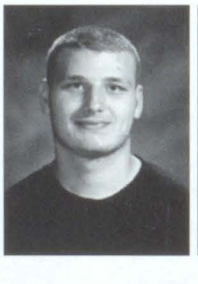







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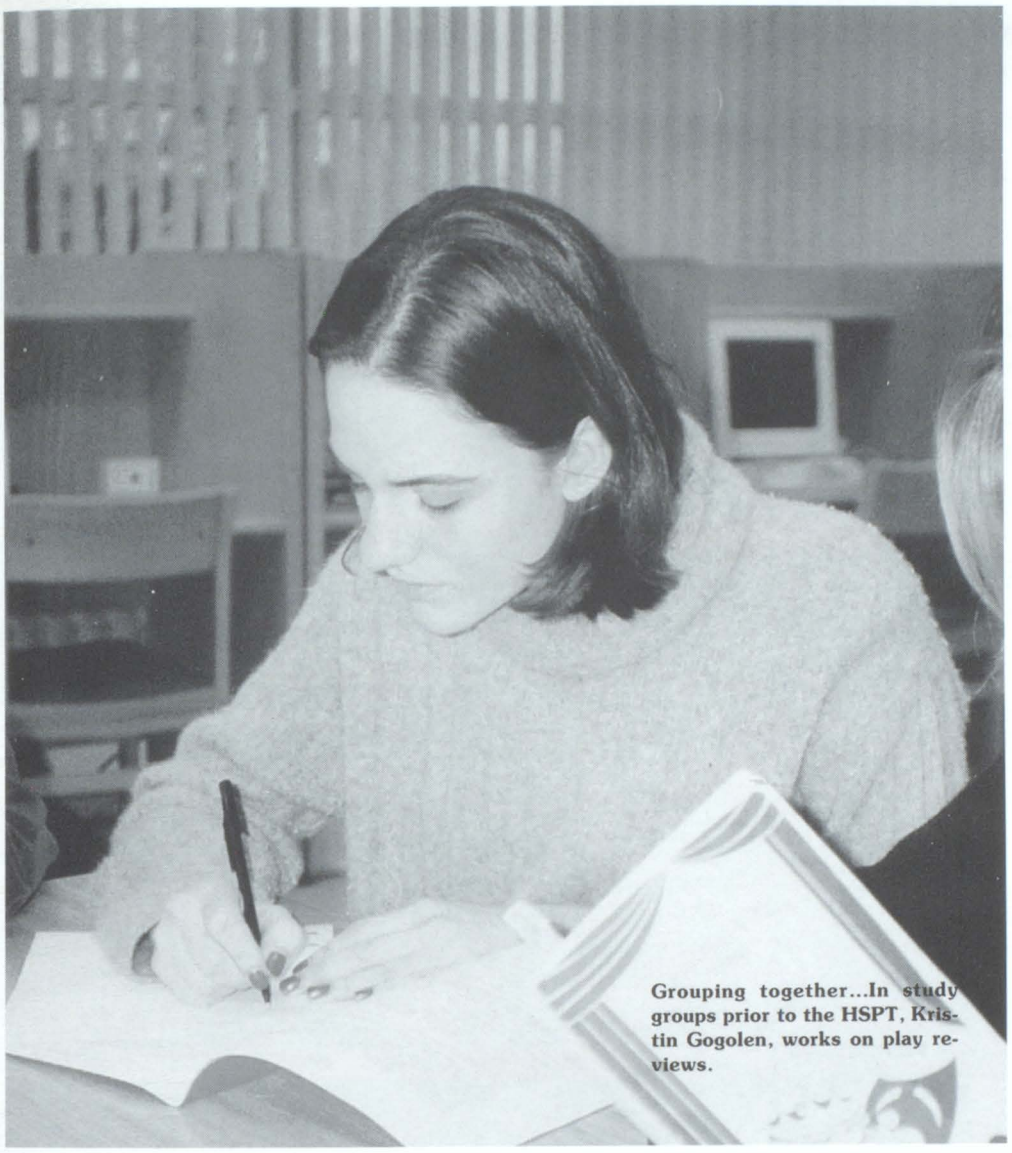


Chris Zamborowski
Jessica Zoss






Study time... Providing in depth writing assignments for HSPT prepartions, juniors work with Mrs. Sandra Bade on reflective pieces. Jaimie Hoover, Dan Wagalrich, Kristin Schnoor, Andy Benedict, Sarah Keller, and Andy King review sample test situations.



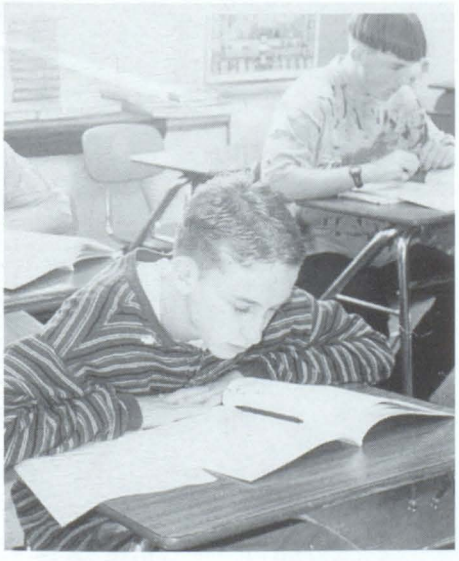
Grouping together...In study groups prior to the HSPT, Kristin Gogolen, works on play reviews.

Preparing For the Future

With graduation just a year away, Juniors start taking steps towards their graduation day. Juniors prepare for their future in many ways, whether it be working afterschool, taking challenging classes, double checking their transcripts, attending the Tec program and doing one step that all students in Michigan are required to do — taking the High School Proficiency Test.

Many juniors believe that the eight hour test is a waste of time. Cathy Piotrowski said, "Nobody likes this test. The state should get rid of it, because it's a waste of time and money."

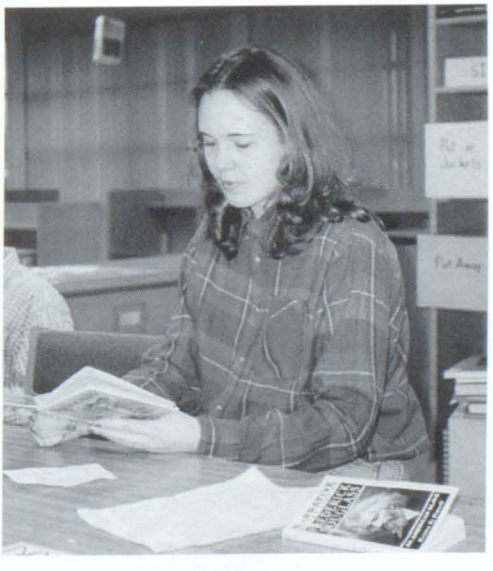
For juniors, this is also the time to begin to think about colleges. In October, 75 juniors took the PSAT which is an excellent opportunity to see about college testing situations. This gave individuals a chance to see how the spring ACT would go before actually having to send the scores to college.



Paging through... Chris Zamborowski review *The Writing Coach* in Mrs. Sandra Bade's first hour. In the months prior to the test, juniors had the opportunity to review specific testing situations.



Getting ready... Before the PSAT starts, Kristy Medrano, John Gerds, Sandy Harrington, Andy Boyd, Zac Sharrow, and Holly Estapa pick up needed materials.



Research... Sheri Altman uses her library time to complete research projects, both for her library science class and her other classes.

Crazy Days,
Enthusiasm,
Competition,
Loud mouths,
Involvement,
SPIRIT !

Normally sedate students turn into wild and crazy people during activity days and events. From football games in the fall to track meets in the spring, spirit is a component of attending high school.

To sophomore Sarah Prudhomme spirit means, "Getting involved and doing lots of after school activities." This definition applies to most of the Sophomore class. They enjoy cheering along our school at sporting events and being a part of the other spirit activities such as dress up days.

Activities throughout the year are varied. Probably one of the most important spirit building situations is a strong sports season. Heather Durkee said spirit is encouraged by "our sports teams winning."

Participation is a one part of being in school. Jennifer Green said that she participates in school activities "because it's fun and helps you get involved and meet new people" Kristin Schrader said: "I like keeping myself busy and I like being involved with school activities." Matt Moroschan said that he is involved "because they are fun and give me something to work for."

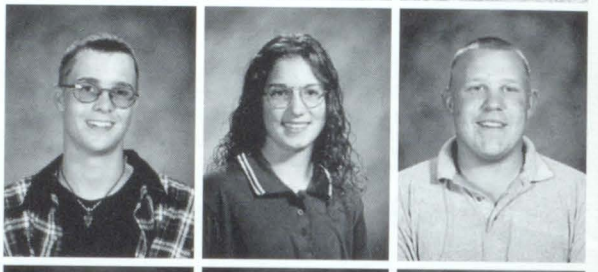
Spirit describes the class of '2000. Enthusiastic class members helped build the float. Krystal Brisse said: "We had a big turn out in our float meetings."

Another component of being spirited is class participation and friendship. Jocie Higgins said: "The thing that encourages me is the way our classmates act toward sports and activities."

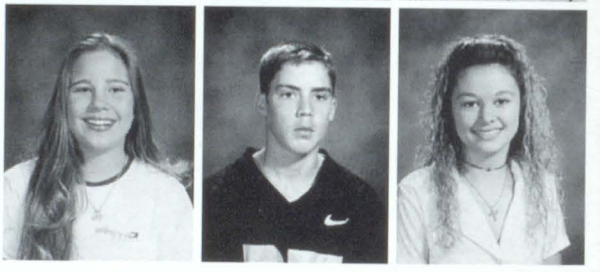
Class of 2000



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Jessica Bachmann
Kevin Baker



Andrew Balduck
Jessica Bark
Joe Barnes



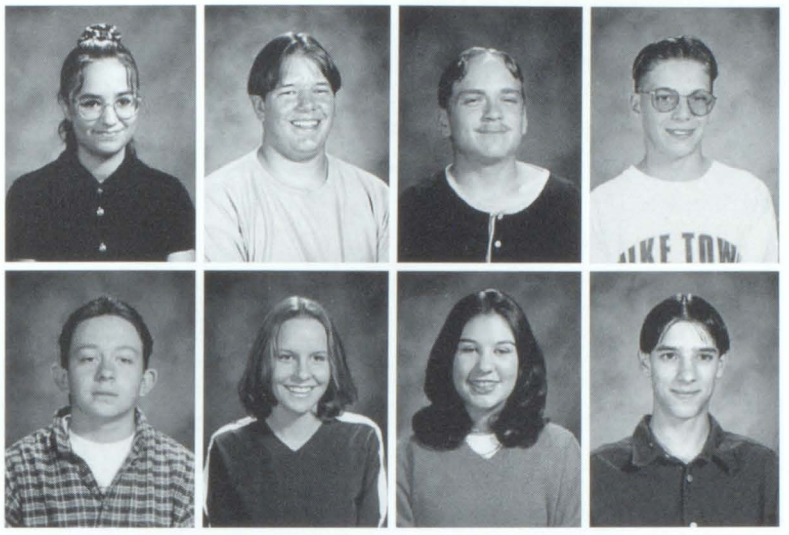
Jessica Baumgartener
Alan Beaulieu
Nichole Behenna



Behind bars... Sophomores Kristin Schrader, Danielle Eder, Joy Morris, Robin Hornbaker, Kristal Brisse, Amy Hutchins, Sarah Prudhomme, Dennis Wright, Jessica Baumgartener, Jennifer Green and Sara Claerhout pose for a picture during a float meeting.

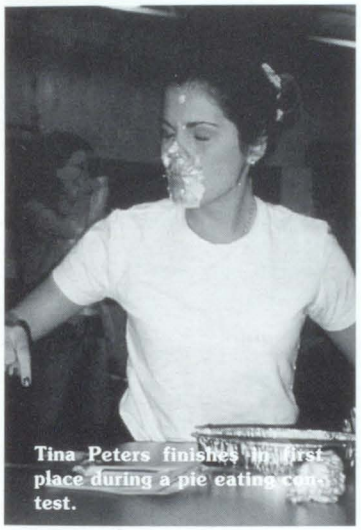


Showing spirit... Dory Glaser, Sara Lucas, Kristin Schrader and Jessica Baumgartener cheer on their team.

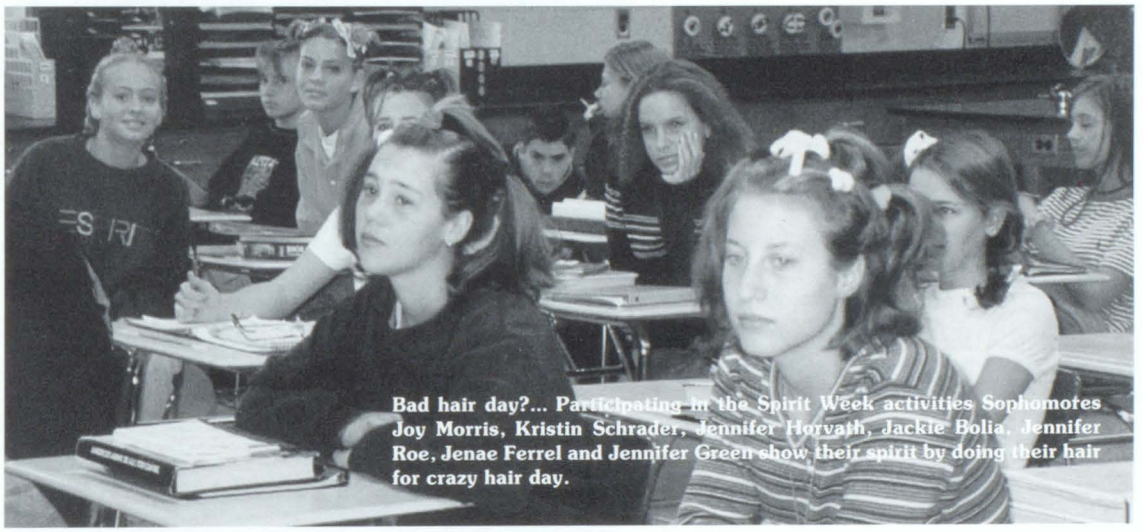


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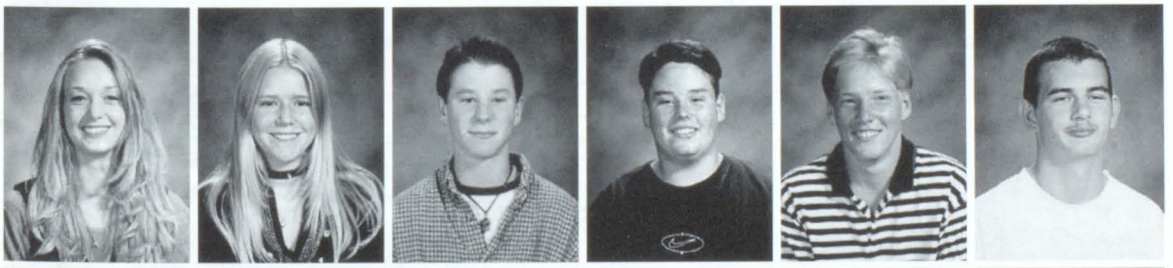
Kenneth Bleau
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Krystal Brisse
Matthew Bruce



Tina Peters finishes in first place during a pie eating contest.



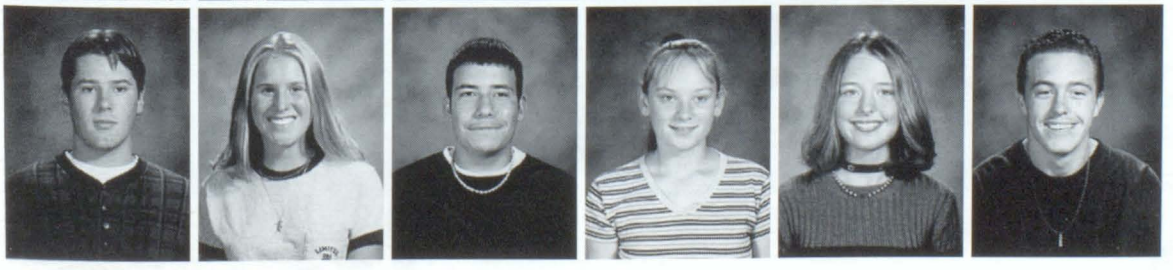
Bad hair day?... Participating in the Spirit Week activities Sophomores Joy Morris, Kristin Schrader, Jennifer Horvath, Jackie Bolia, Jennifer Roe, Jenae Ferrel and Jennifer Green show their spirit by doing their hair for crazy hair day.



Candice Burden
Kari Burge
Joseph Burns
Richard Bushor
Michael Caiger
Richard Carithers



Zachary Carl
Don Carpenter
James Caruthers
Adam Childress
Sara Claerhout
Cheryl Claeys

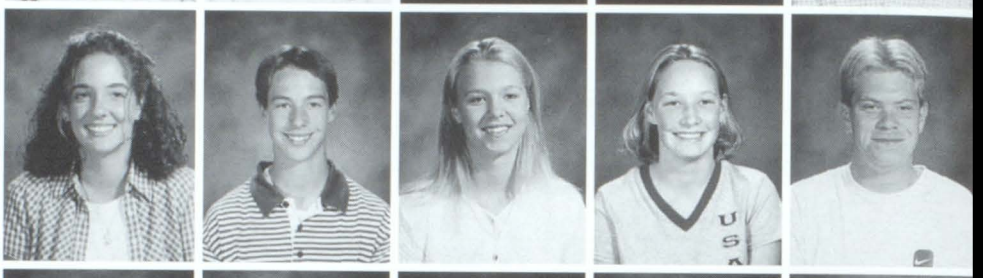


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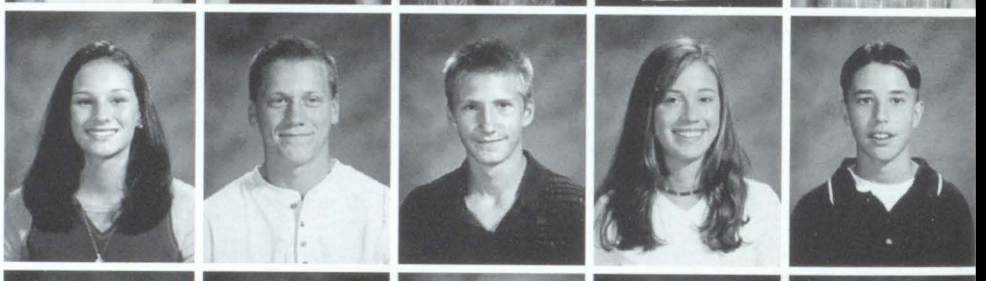
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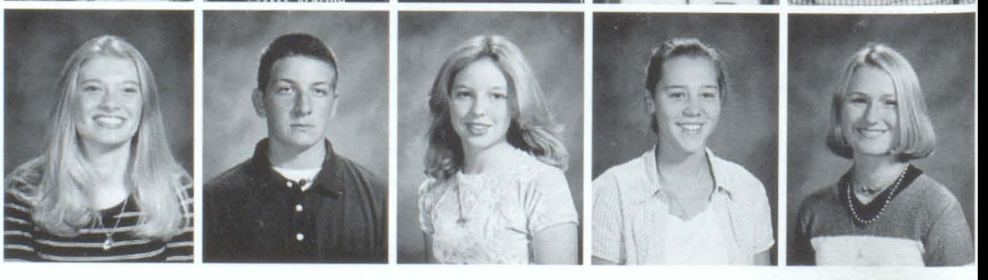
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Lisa Hall
Adam Hallman
Elizabeth Hampe



William Harrington
Erin Hartley
Brandalynn Hathaway
John Henderson
Melissa Henson



Jocie Higgins
Chuck Hines
Robin Hornbaker
Jennifer Horvath
Amy Hutchins



Start Your Engines.....

In the past, sophomore year meant more freedom. Many students received a driver's license and had the ability to drive themselves around now. Due to new state laws the class of 2000 will have to go through more steps than new drivers of the past.

Starting April 1, 1997, the Graduated Licensing Bill went into effect. Students must have 24 hours of classroom instruction with 6 hours of behind the wheel training. First, they receive a level 1 drivers license then parents will be expected to provide 50 additional hours on the road, 10 of which should be at night. Second, they receive a level 2 drivers license. They have to pass a road test in order to receive this. With a level 2 license, you may drive by yourself, except from midnight to 5 a.m. Once you reach the age of 17, you may get the level 3 license which gives you full driving privileges. Robin Hornbaker said, "This new law is not fair, I don't want to drive with my mom forever."

Some sophomores lucked out if they completed drivers training before the law went into effect. Shane Trempler said, " I am really glad I got my license before the law went into effect, it makes things a lot easier."

A few people feel that this new law is a good idea. Mr. Ron Shock said, " I feel that the new law will help make safer drivers. They will have to log 50 hours with their parents, which will help give them more experience." Students can not miss more than two classes or they will have to take the class over. Students are expected to read the chapters in their books and take a test the following day. Hopefully there will be safer drivers on the roads and less accidents.



Clear the roads... Jennifer Horvath and Sean Hicks get ready to practice their driving skills.



When is it my turn?... Eager students Bri Kleto and Dori Glaze check the driver's education list to see if they are in the next session.



Buckle-up... Mr. Jim Lenore goes over a few steps before hitting the roads with a student.

Fundraising... finding all that needed cash

Selling those boxes of candy has been a fact of life for students all through school. Now once in high school, the focus changes with fundraising taking a specific purpose. each class is responsible for the prom and for paying for the senior color section. So far the sophomores have had three major fundraisers. They were the pajama dance, cemetery clean up and the sale of root beer floats for a few days in December. Also planned are wallet picture albums and bake sales. Class president, Danielle Eder said: "these fund raisers help out the class tremendously. It helps get money for prom, graduation and reunions."

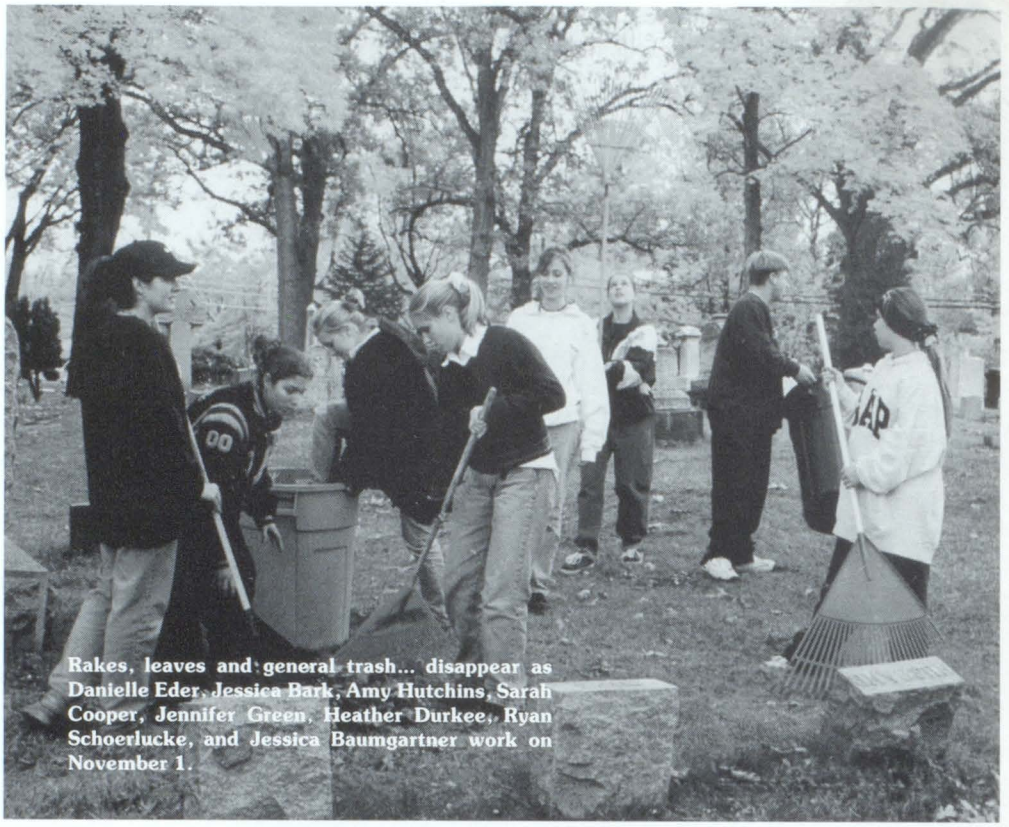
The cemetery clean up was a new experience. All classes had the opportunity to participate in the clean up of Algonac cemetery on two consecutive Saturdays in November. This opportunity was arranged by Chief of Police Tom Eder. The money was split among the classes that participated. The sophomores and seniors had the most students involved in the clean up. The students collected leaves, branches and general trash.

Amy Hutchins has helped with two of the fundraisers she said "It was well worth my time because we need the money for prom and senior pictures."

Root beer floats was an unique approach to fundraising. Students had the opportunity to purchase ice cream floats during lunch in December.

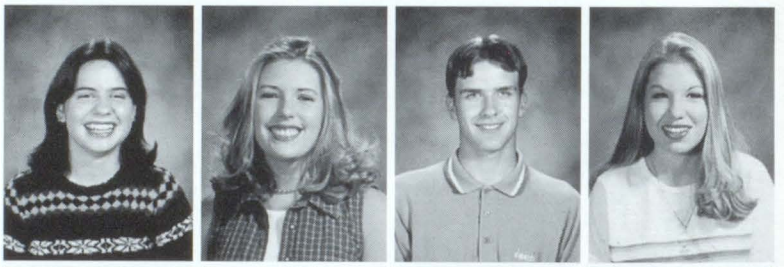
Individual students get involved for a variety of reasons. Jessica Bark said: "I get involved to help my class, raise money for prom and help raise spirit."

Sarah Prudhomme said: "I get involved because it gives me something to do and helps bring the class together."

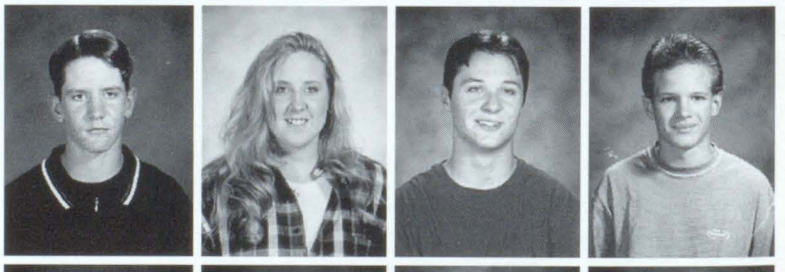


Rakes, leaves and general trash... disappear as Danielle Eder, Jessica Bark, Amy Hutchins, Sarah Cooper, Jennifer Green, Heather Durkee, Ryan Schoerlucke, and Jessica Baumgartner work on November 1.

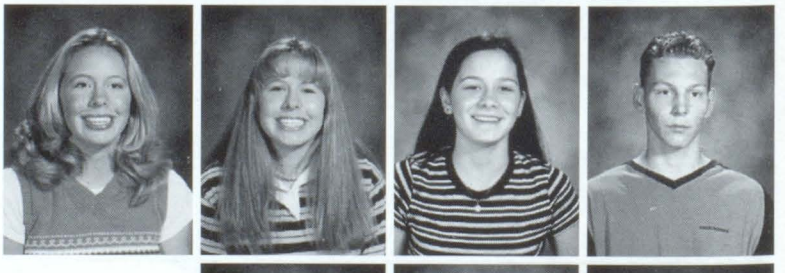
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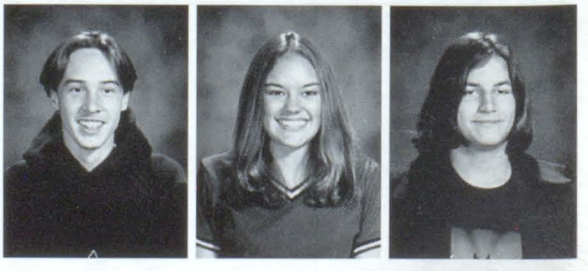
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Ray Ladochi
Brad Lamparski



Ashley Langdon
Brooke Langdon
Mary Lapich
Robert Lawrence



Jason Lehman
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Roger Lewis







Raising money and your glass... At lunch, sophomores Sarah Prudhomme, Jenny Green, Danielle Eder, and Jessica Bauumgartener served up rootbeer floats and Boston Coolers.

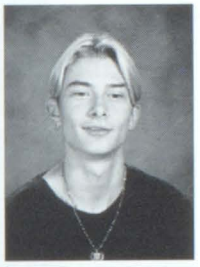
Gettin' your groove on... Liz Prior, Stuart Wenz, Sarah Cooper, and Jenny Green attended the sophomore hosted dance.



Pop bottles equal cash... Sophomores Tina Peters and Tracey Cole help clean out lockers looking for pop bottles. Can and bottle drives are another popular fundraiser for students and groups.







Jason Long
Sara Lucas
Ian Madeleine







Matthew Maloney
Eric Martin
Ericka Martin







Nick Matzka
Danielle Mayle
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Ruth McLennon
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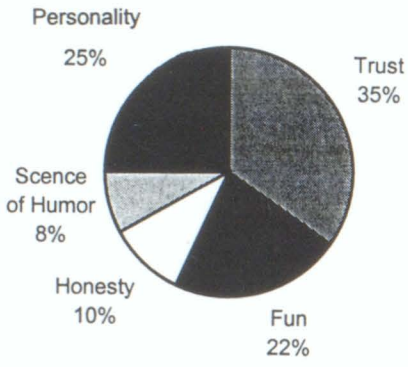
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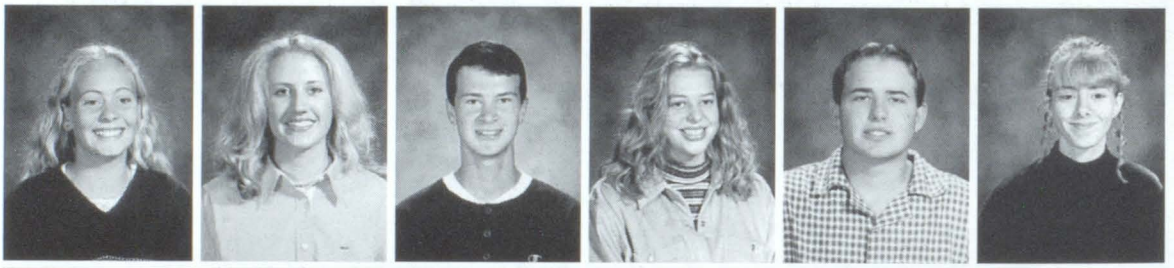
Qualities sophomores look for in friends...



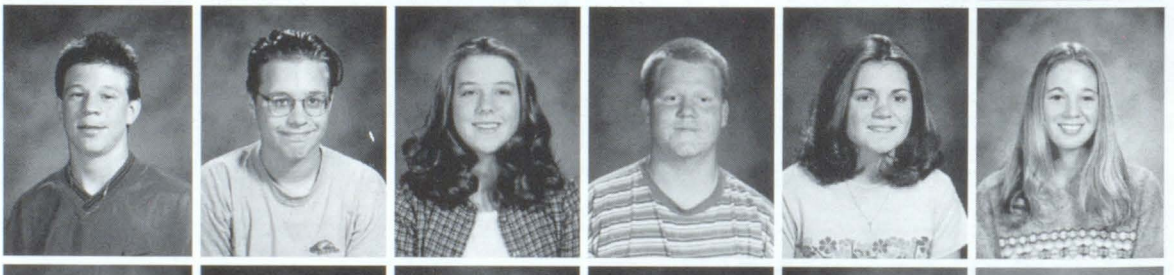


Comming Together... During spirit week the sophomore class comes together to perfect their float for the homecoming parade.

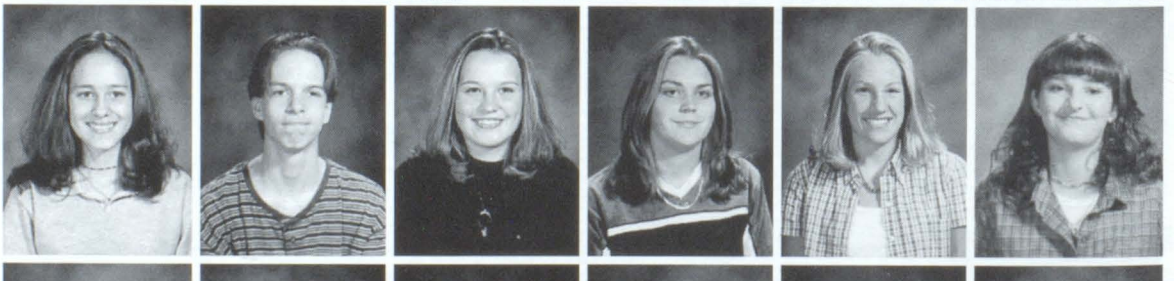
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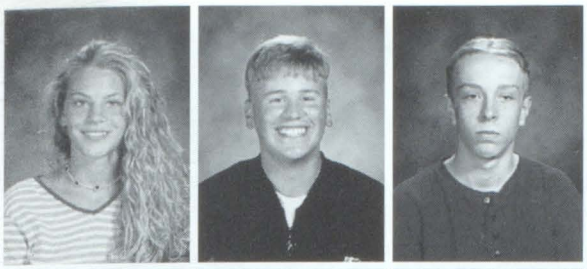


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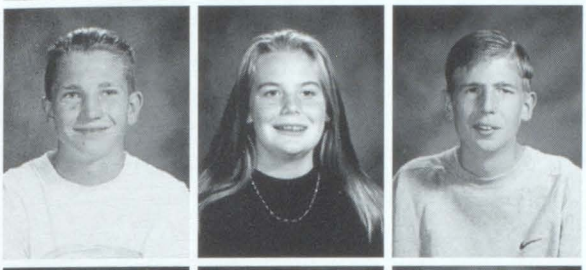


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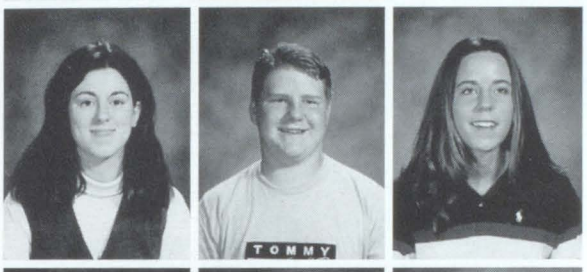




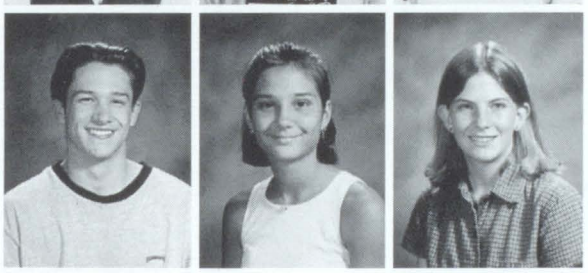
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Jeremy Schulte



Mike Sensoli
Amanda Sharrow
David Sharrow



Courtney Shaw
John Siecinski
Brandy Siracoff



Mike Smith
Gail Soboleski
Jacqueline Soto



Friends Forever...Danielle Eder and Sarah Prudhomme life long friends, work together to perfect their egg crashing projects in Mr. Simms class.



Together Forever... Jocie Higgins, and Angela Birch have fun together smiling and laughing their time away during their science class.

Forever Friends

Friend - One attached to another by affection or esteem. This is according to Websters New World Dictionary.

Friends can help each other out with all of their problems such as family, school work, and problems with other friends. They can guide one another in the right direction and help each other make the right decisions. " My friends are very important to me. They've helped me out through many of my toughest times. I know that I can count on them for anything, and I know our friendships will last forever," said sophomore Nikki Behenna.

Friendship is a hard word to define. "To me it is someone who's fun to hang around with, will play sports with me, and is happy for me when I am," said Krystal Brisse. Through out the years some friends will last and some may fade away. All you can do is let time do it's thing.

There are many special qualities found in friendship. "To me trust is a key factor. I need someone who I can always count on to be there for me," said Melissa Henson.

Look around each day and the halls are filled with many friends. After six hours of sitting in class, standing in the hall is one time to let loose and hang out with friends. "I walk down the halls and I see so many friends hanging out just talking and laughing. Between classes is a time to take a break and be with friends."said sophomore Kim Terry.

Friends can share the best of times and the worst of times together. Try to cherish the memories your friends give you , they will be an ever lasting memory in your life.

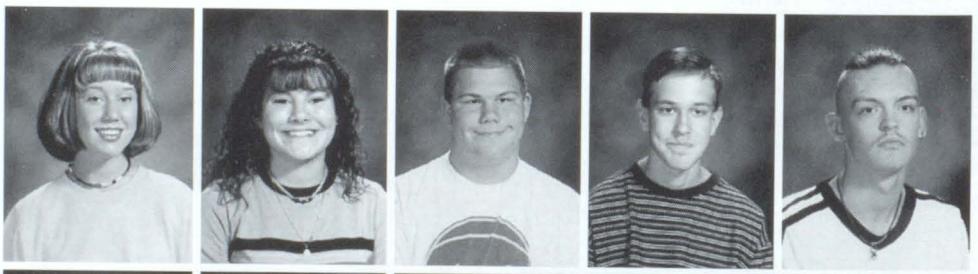


Double Trouble... Posing for a picture Jessica Baumgartener and Jocie Higgins play at Jocie's Birthday party in the third grade.

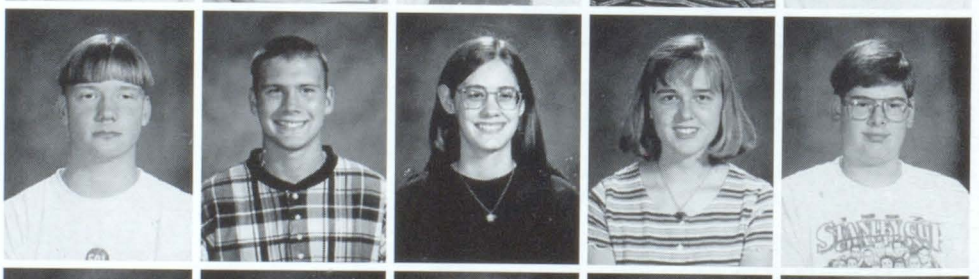
Strutting their stuff... Sarah Prudhomme, Danielle Eder, and Amy Hutchins show off their dancing ability at their fifth grade talent show at Fair Haven Elementary.



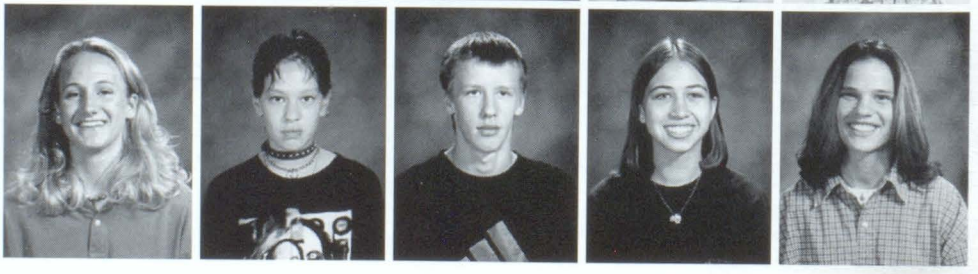
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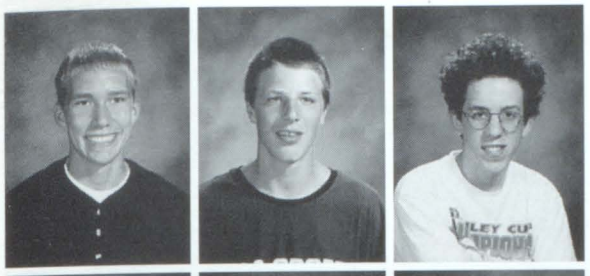


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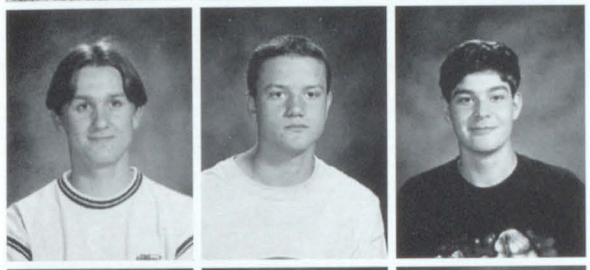




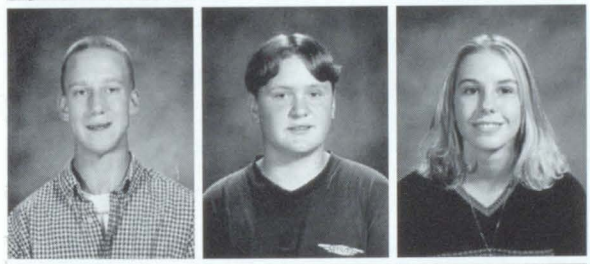
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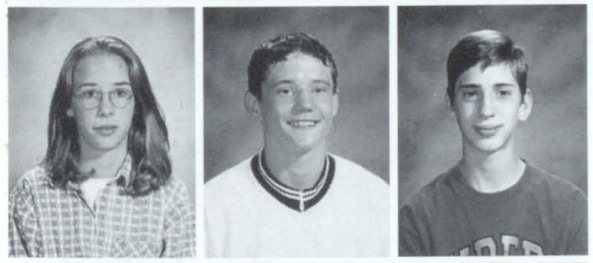
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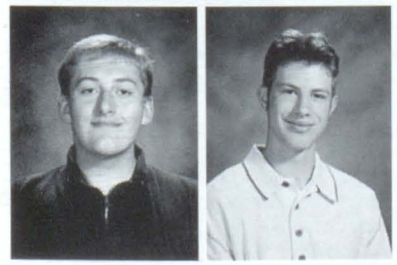
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A Blast From the Past

Reminiscing about childhood is a fun way to look back on the great things that happened as a kid. Sometimes just the thought of silly things that happened in Elementary and Jr. High school can make you laugh out loud. It also reminds one of times when there was no responsibility and more often than not makes most miss their youth. "I remember in elementary we had parties for every holiday. On Valentine's Day everyone got everyone else a card," said Lija Spisak.

Heading into Jr. high, a lot of things changed. "I went to Harsen's Island for elementary school, so the transition into Jr. high was tough. I went from a small school where I had like two best friend's to a bigger school where there where so many new people," said Sarah Cooper.

Cherishing the time you spend with friends is a wise choice. "Since elementary I've learned that friends are forever, but boyfriends are only temporary," said Dori Glaze. Now the countdown begins—graduation is just around the corner and the time is flying by. Don't waste time because that upper classmen spot is right there and the home stretch of high school is now in view. "It is kind of scarey because now we have to start making huge decisions that will effect our entire lives, " said Heather Durkee.

Growing up is just a fact of life, but looking back and wondering what happened to all those cute little kids is common. One minute you're playing on the playground and the next you're talking about the opposite sex, cars, and college. "As we're growing up we're all changing and getting our own ideas. We're all going our separate ways," said Cheryl Claeys. Sophomores find themselves thinking. . . Where did all the time go?

Class of 2001

Dazed and Confused

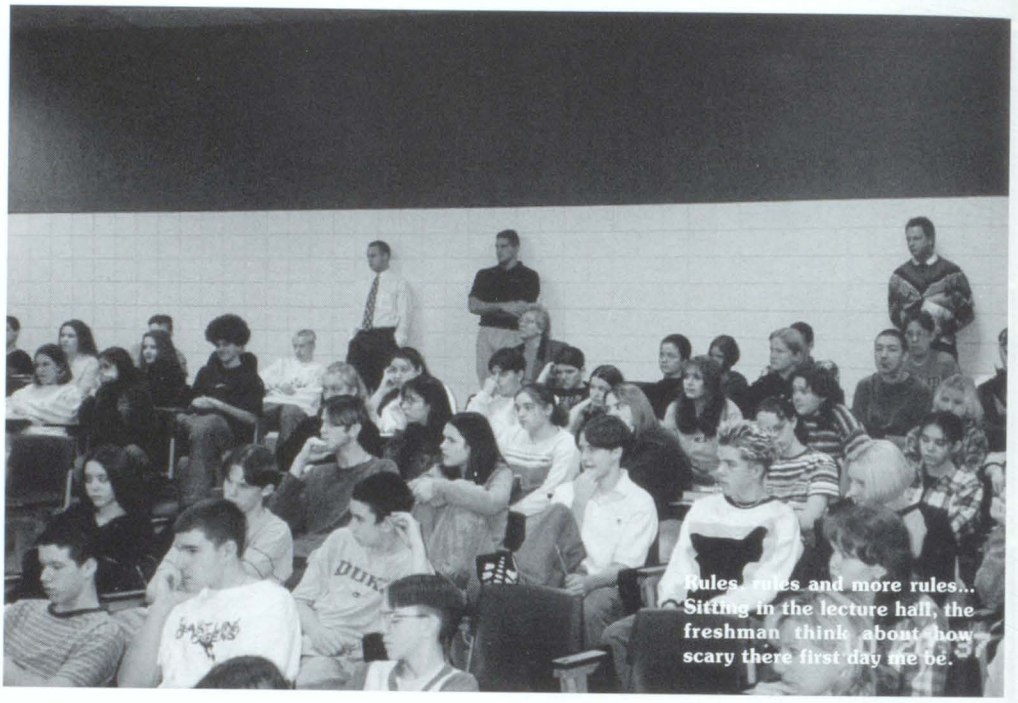
Bright and early on September 2, 1997 the class of 2001 faced their first day of high school. Their first day started with an orientation in the lecture hall. For the first half hour, freshmen were exposed to all of those rules that define daily life as a student including attendance contracts, tardy policy, time out and on and on.

"I think the orientation was a waste of time," said Jennifer Phelan. Some people did not like the orientation.

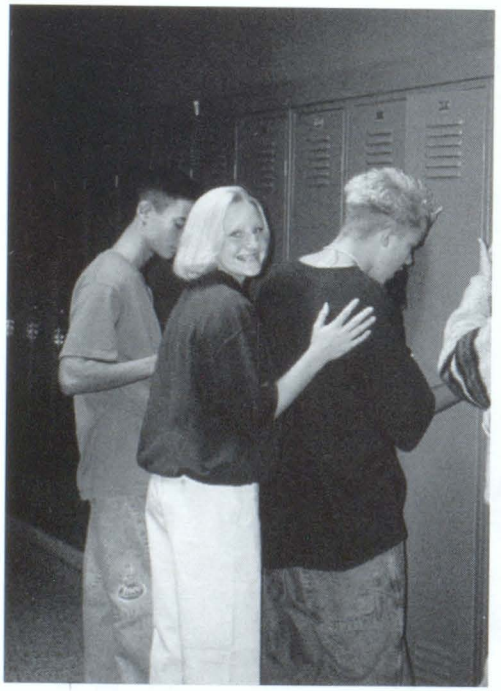
Then, freshmen had to venture down the halls of the Algonac High School to find their classes. The goal was to look pretty together without knowing where the classes were. The second challenge the freshman class had to overcome was to figure out what lunch period they had. With schedule and lunch period in hand, the freshman class was on their way to a great year.

The first day of high school is very important and stressful for freshmen. Many tend to feel really small and kind of out of place. The class of 2001 was lucky to have senior student council members helping them find their way. The seniors also put a ton of stickers on them and threw confetti at them. Senior class student council president Margeaux Peters said "It was fun to throw confetti and stickers on the freshman on the first day of school during orientation. I also had fun helping them finding their classes and showing them around."

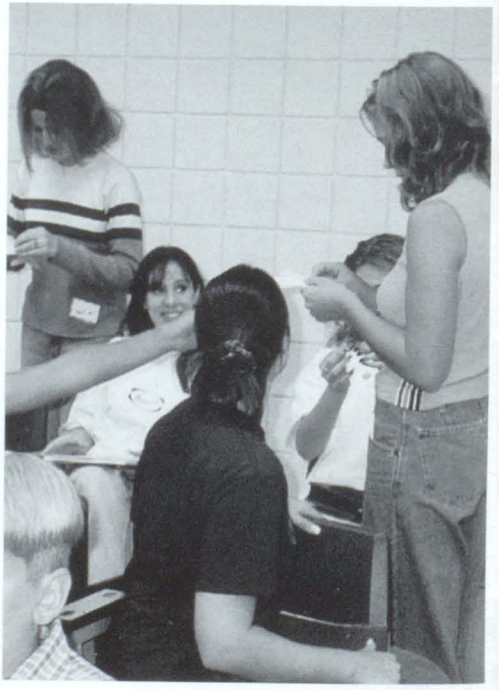
A lot of student council members were very helpful to the freshmen on there first day of school. Kristen Schrader a member of student council said "I enjoyed helping the freshman get around on their first day of school they were really nice and friendly."



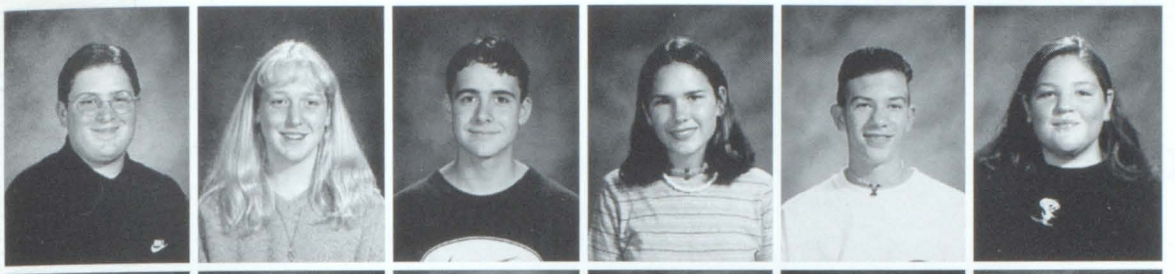
Rules, rules and more rules... Sitting in the lecture hall, the freshman think about how scary there first day me be.



What's your combination...Freshman Eric Stier tries to open his first locker as a high schooler. Then next to try is freshman Jennifer Phelan and Benjamin Dobrowski.



Stick it to me... Putting stickers all over the freshman gives some seniors a big kick. Senior Cassi Bommarito and Jennifer Lenik have a blast putting stickers on the freshman during there orientation in the lecture hall.



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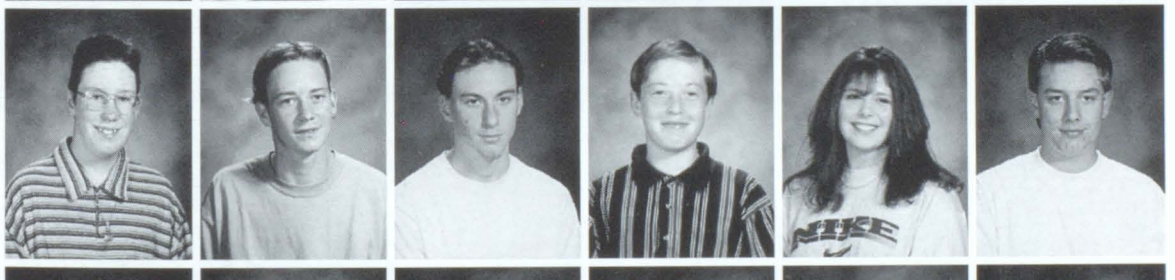
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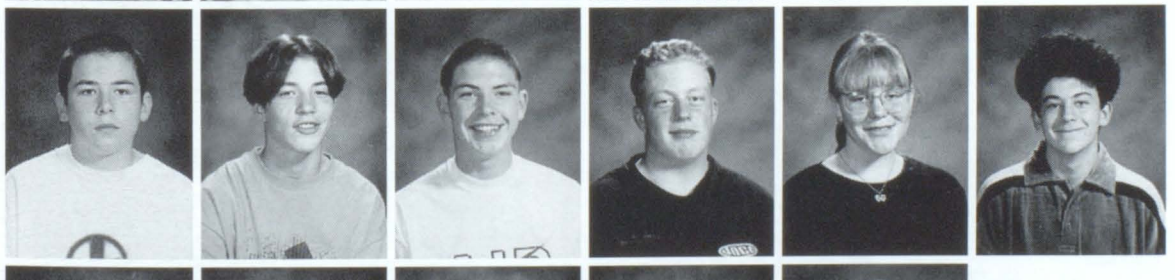
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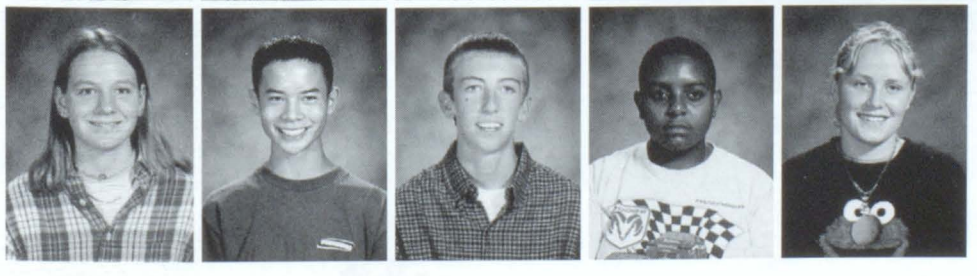
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ABC's and 123's

New school, new classes and new teachers were just some of the things freshmen had to face when starting high school. Coming into high school, having no idea what to expect is tough to do. Choosing classes isn't as difficult when a freshmen, because there are many required classes that one needs to take. Some required classes may include Comm I, 9th grade science, math, health, and gym leaving the choice of two electives.

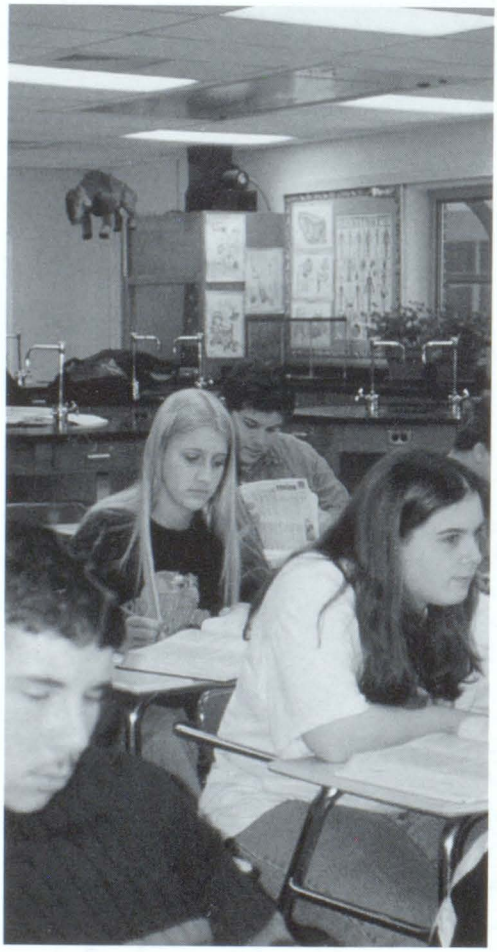
A new idea that has been used this year for the ninth grade is teams. Officially this is called the Ninth Grade Academy. Four teachers make up one team, and another four make up the other. This helps the students become more familiar with the same group of teachers throughout the year. Also, keeping the same concept that is used in the middle school helps the students adjust. One particular part of this that all assignments must be handed in or an incomplete is given for that marking period.

There is one disadvantage to this concept. Melissa Gunnels says,"Half of your friends are on one team and you rarely see them throughout the day." This is a problem for some good friends that have been seperated on different teams. So the five minutes between hours is where they try to catch up on things going on.

Many freshman feel that high school is alot more difficult than junior high. Whether its the work in the classes or the homework you have to do. Alot more responsibilities come along with being in high school. " I like the challenges in my classes compared to junior high it makes me feel more like an adult" says freshman Lindsay Meldrum.



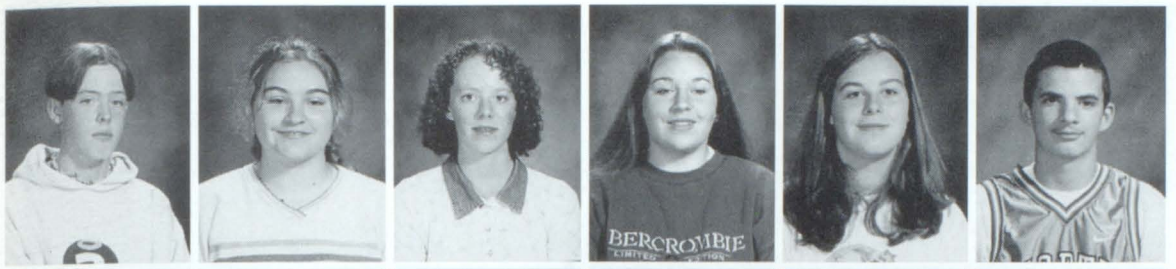
Working hard to finish... freshmen Ben Dobrowski and Richard Rice work on a project for Comm I.



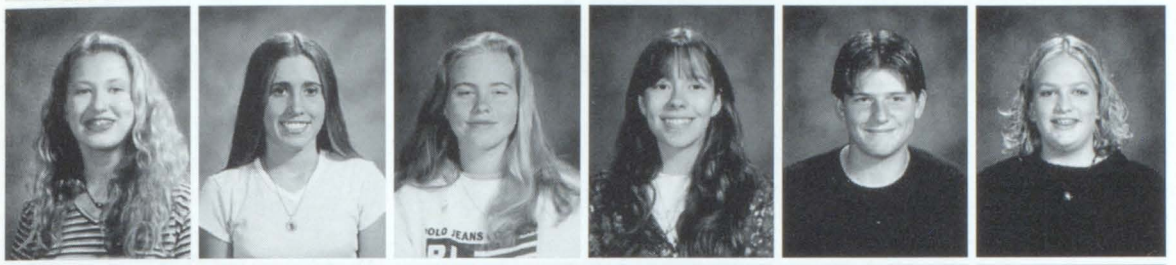
Getting organized... Freshmen Carla Tabor flips through the pages of her Biology book to complete her work so she won't have homework.



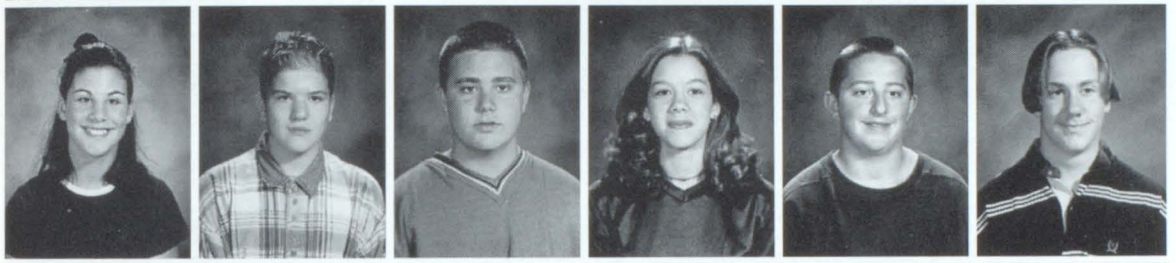
Concentration... Is one way freshman Nicole Haack finishes her work while working in the libray.



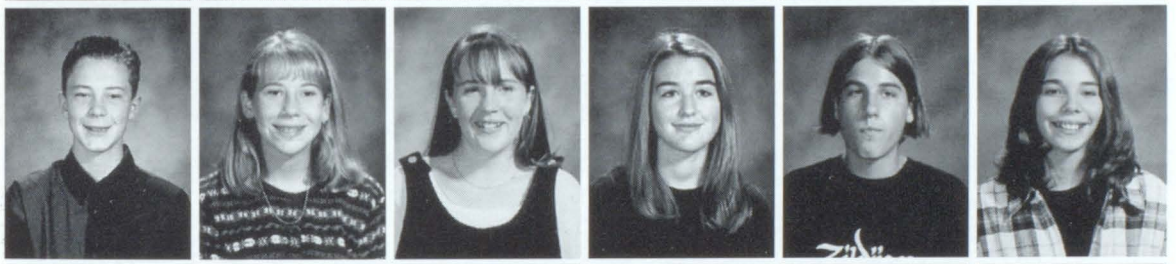
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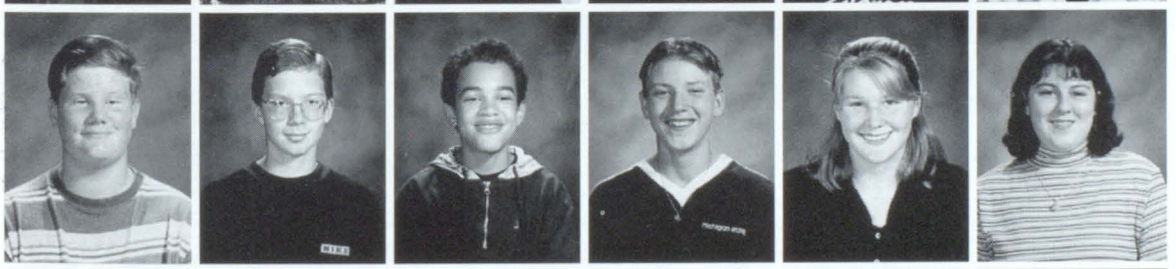
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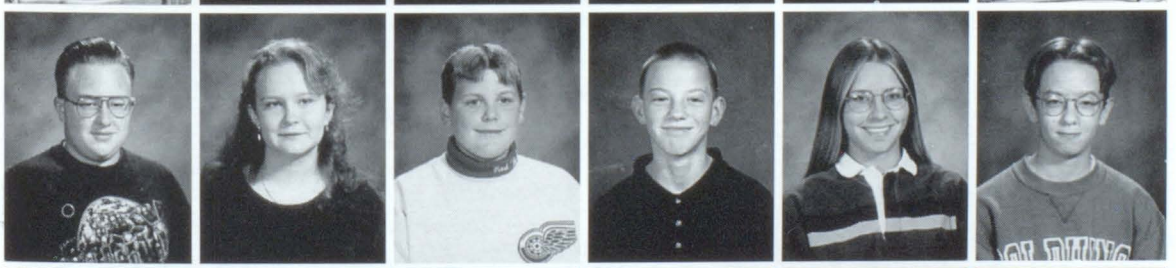
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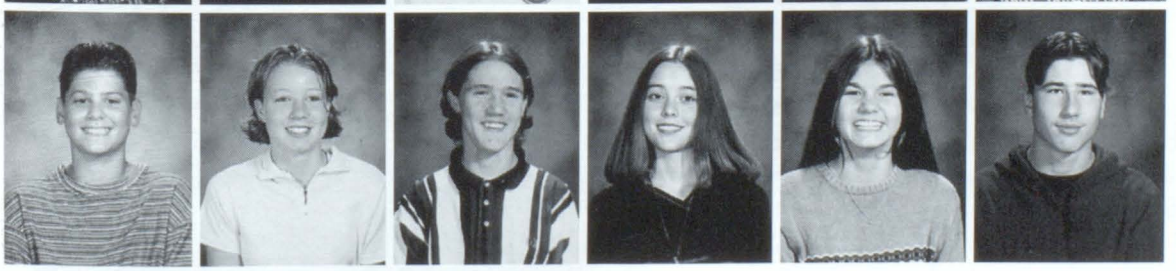
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Oh Brother or Sister

Is having older siblings an advantage or disadvantage? Many freshman feel they are privileged to have one or more brothers or sisters as upper classmen. But then, some of the older brothers or sisters hate the fact their little brother or sister is coming to the high school.

For freshman it might be good to have older siblings in the high school. For the first day it was a big help. Older brothers and sisters showed freshman siblings around and introduced them to people such as, Mr. Baldwin, Mrs.Licari, Mr. Dobbs and all the other teachers. It is also nice to have older siblings so they can help you pick out a great schedule. For these freshmen, the high school was not quite such an unknown place.

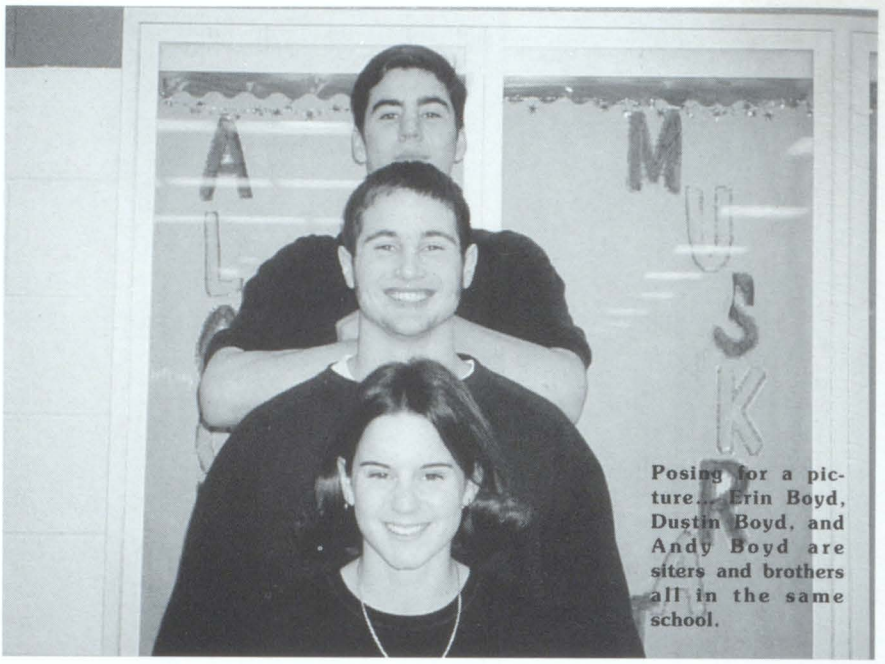
One great advantage of having an older sibling is that you get to ride to school with them, (if they drive). Freshman Caryn Goral said "I like having an older sibling in the school so she can drive me to school because I hate riding the bus!" The bus is a key reason that freshmen look to upper classmen.

Senior Bobby Schrader says "I think that it is a disadvantage to have two younger siblings in our school. The disadvantage is that I have to drive them to school and they don't give me any gas money." His freshman sister Erica Schrader says "It is both an advantage and a disadvantage of having older siblings in school. The disadvantage is that they pick on me. The advantage is that by having my older siblings in high school I know more people."

Reflections on having a brother or sister varies. For Erin Boyd "I like it because I know more people. My older brothers also take care of me and drive me to school." On the flip side, Andy Boyd said: "I like having a freshmen sister because I like to look after her and take care of her."

Amy Burr thinks that this is a disadvantage because "he is always looking over me. I can't get away with anything without Josh finding out."

Each person reacts individually to this situation. However, for the most part being part of a family helps each individual fit into the Muskrat family.



Posing for a picture... Erin Boyd, Dustin Boyd, and Andy Boyd are siters and brothers all in the same school.



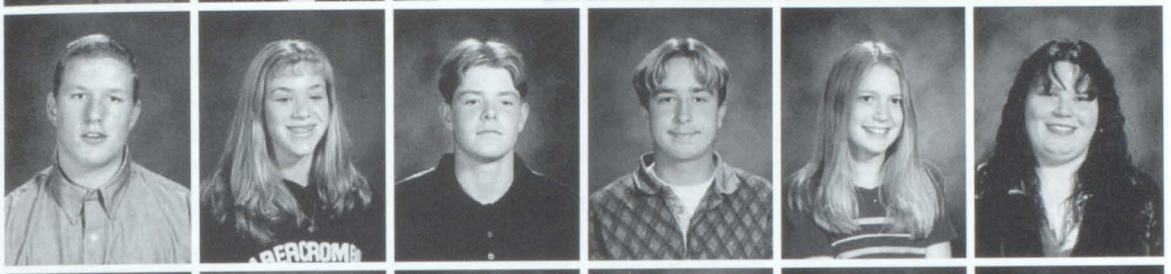
Like brother like sister... Amy Burr and Josh Burr are spending some time together during the school day.

Two Camerons... Freshman Eric Cameron and senior Nicole Cameron are chilling in the cafeteria together.





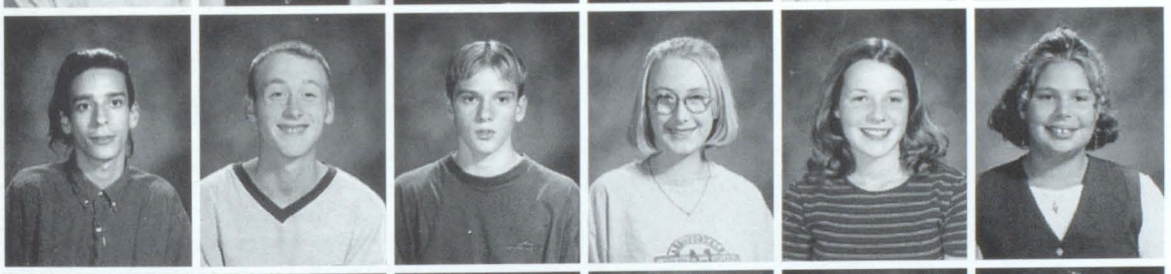
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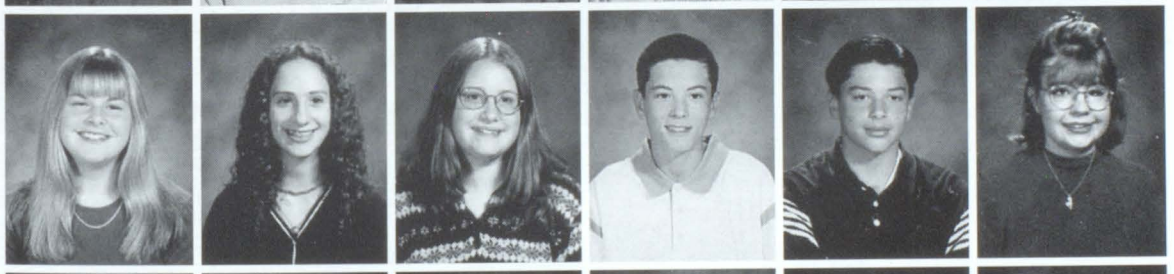
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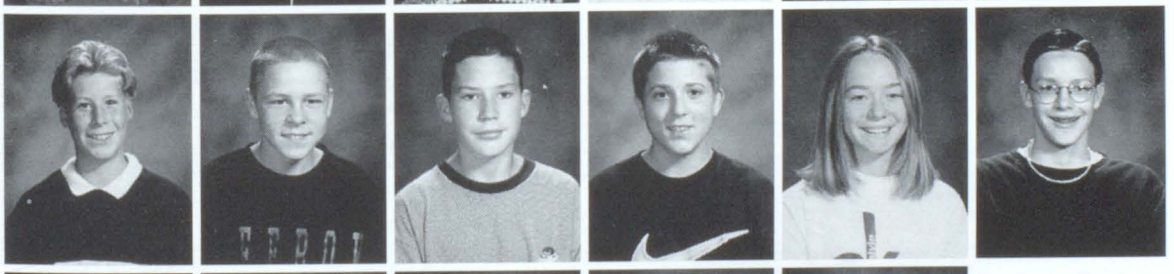
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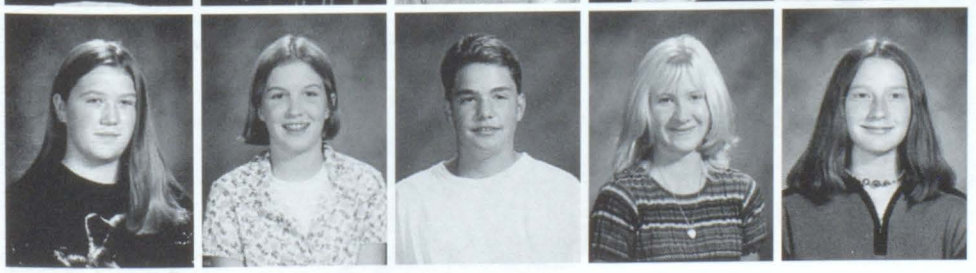
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T.G.I.F

It's finally Friday and schools out for the weekend. So what do freshman do on weekends? Since many don't have a license one would think that it would be tough to find something to do. Not for the class of 2002!

Many hang out at friends houses, go to the movies or to the mall. Its also an advantage to have older brothers or sisters in high school. It is easier to bum a ride from them.

Sporting events also draw crowds. Whether it's a football,basketball,or volleyball game,the stands will never be found empty."On Fridays I like to go to basketball games and hang out with my friends," says freshman Erin Boyd. Tinesha Tierney said," I go to basketball practice and party with my friends."

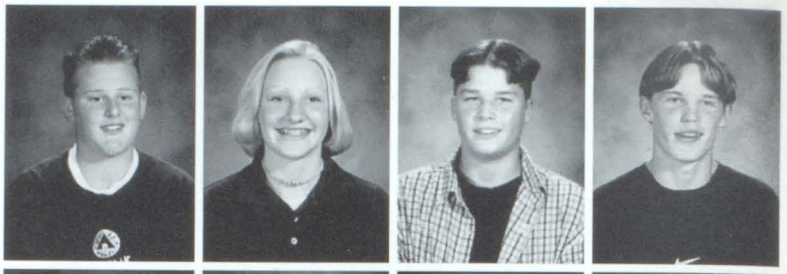
Many freshman don't have a job yet. Sarah Mensen said," I don't work on weekends. If I need money, I will ask my parents or do chores around the house!" A recent survey was given to the entire freshmen class, asking what they do on weekends. Hanging out with friends, partying, sports, and shopping were the top four choices of the freshmen class.

Other popular activities include eating out, movies and heading off to the mall. Chesterfield Cinemas on Gratiot have become popular. One of the popular movies of the winter was Titanic."It was really good and very sad,"saidCarly Tabor.

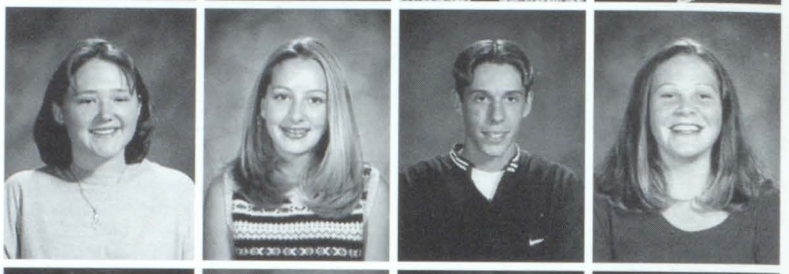
For others, various restaurants are fun places to go. In town, there is always McDonald's. Most people tend to get out of town for a variety.

No matter if one is stuck at home or headed out somewhere, it's not hard to find something fun to do.

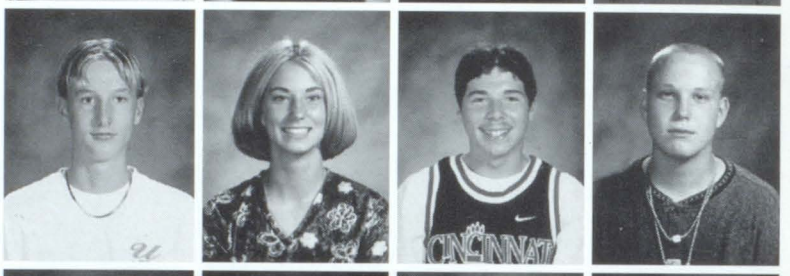
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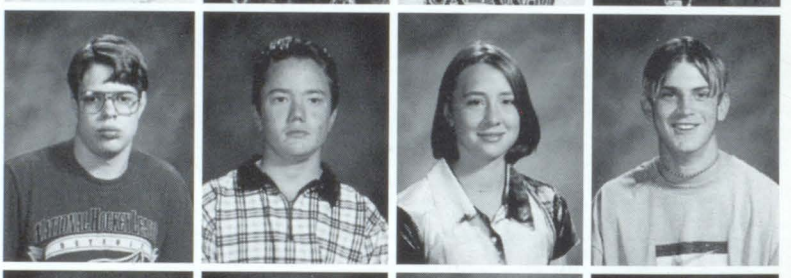
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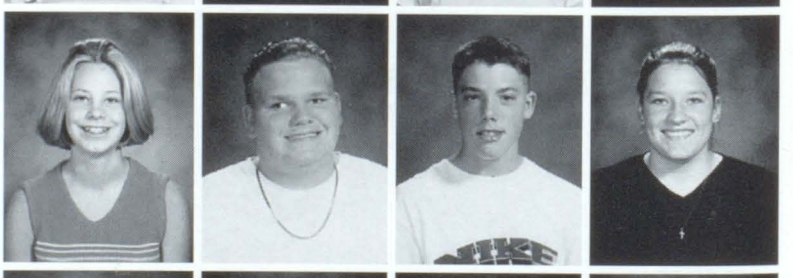
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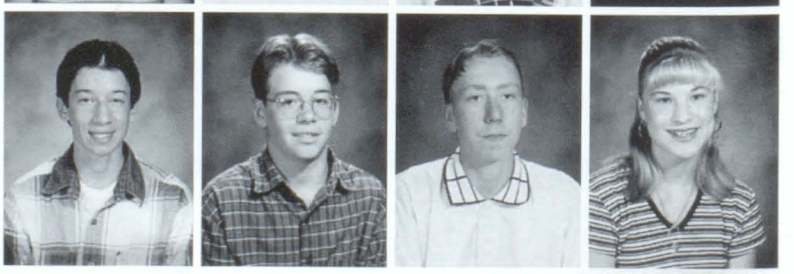
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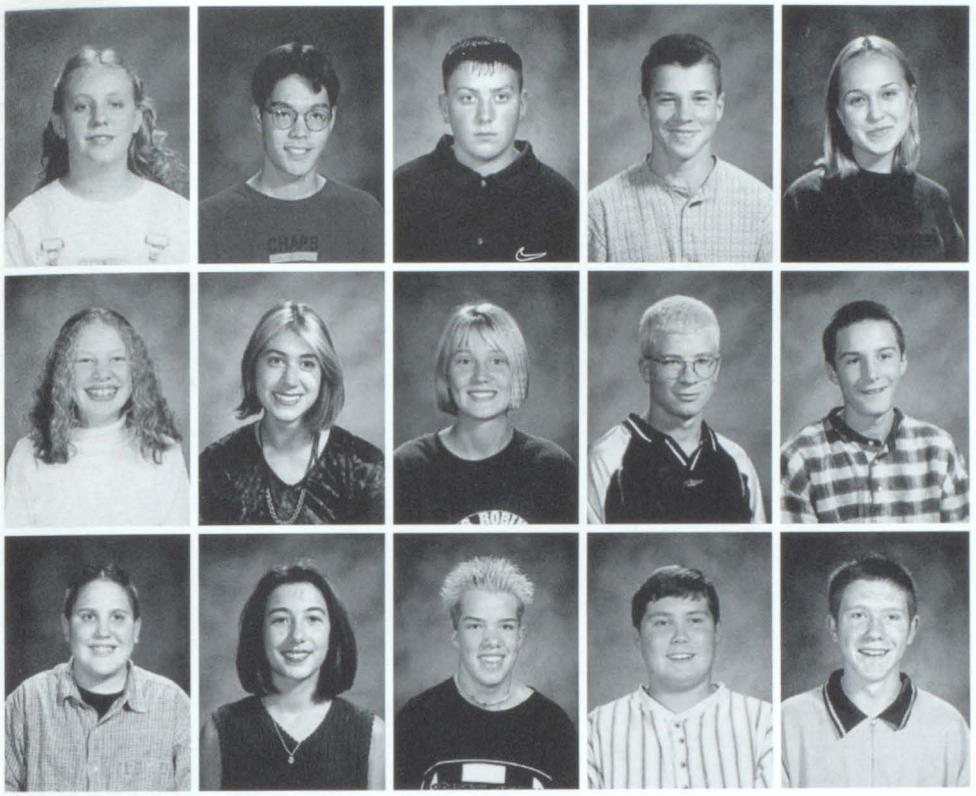


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Paul Simko
Brian Siterlet
Cassandra Smith

Nicole Smith
Krystal Sobanski
Sharon Soboleski
Carl Solgot
Russel Solgot

Joseph Spencer
Lauren Stegman
Eric Stier
Thomas Stringer
Danny Sullivan



Saying farewell... In 1997 they said goodbye to junior high but welcomes thier upcoming high school years.



Puttin' on the ratz... freshman Whitney Bell suits up to cheer on the sidelines for the homecoming game.

Kaylan Sullivan
Sarah Sykes
Karen Szumal
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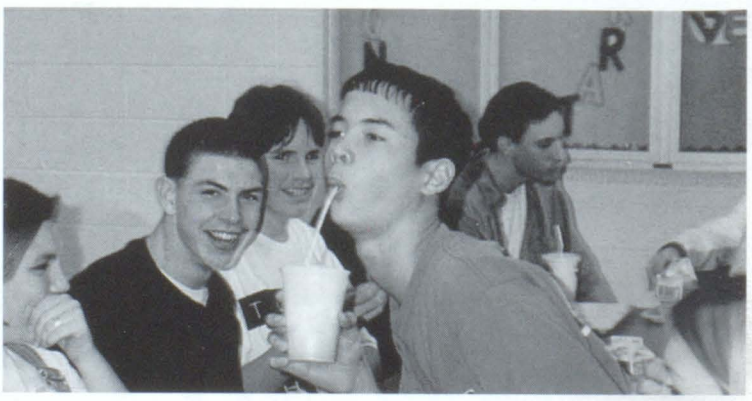
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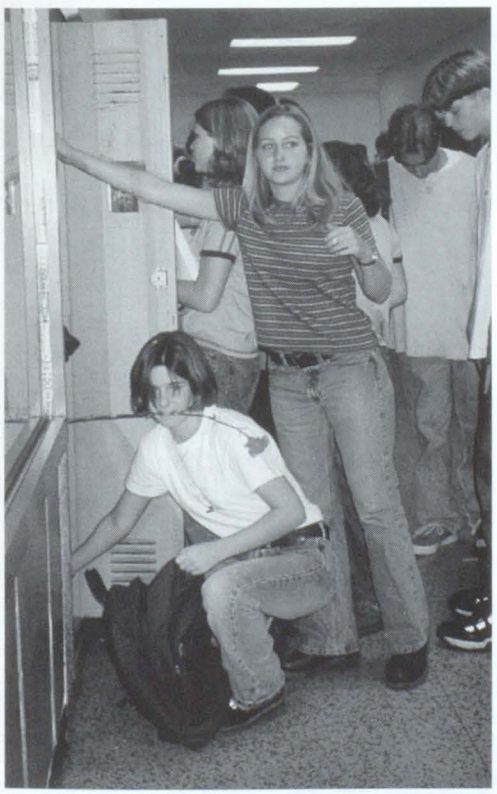
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Stealing The Show... Ben Dobrowski shows off by doing his favorite... making his friends laugh.

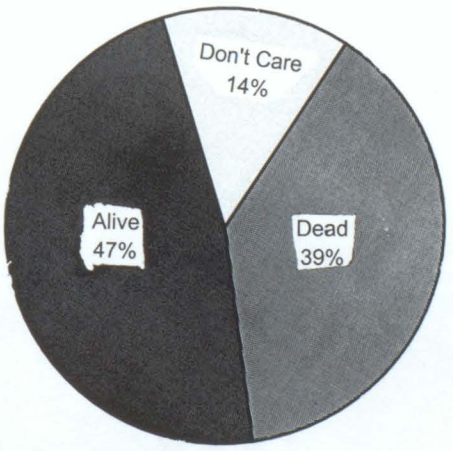
Pumped Up... The freshman girls basketball team hangs out together at basketball camp, their favorite activity to do over the summer.





Hasta La Vista.. Nikki Prior and Erin Boyd are getting ready to go home, their favorite part of the day.

Tupac Shakur: DEAD or ALIVE?



Playing Favorites

With the new class in High School. The rest of the school is wondering what these new faces are interested in. The following information here will give us an idea of what our future Seniors will be like. A survey taken in January shows the top 3 favorites in each catagory.....

SPORTS
1. 37% Hockey
2. 26% Football
3. 12% Basketball
25% Other

ATHLETES
1. 9% Steve Yzerman
2. 5% Kris Draper
3. 5% Barry Sanders
81% Other

MUSIC ARTISTS
1. 18% Sean"Puff Daddy"Combs
2. 6% Metallica
3. 5% Tupac Shakur
71% Other

MOVIES
1. 24% Titanic
2. 8% Scream
3. 4% Sream 2
64% Other

CLOTHING STORES
1. 14% Abercrombie & Fitch
2. 12% Pacific Sunwear
3. 11% American Eagle
63% Other

Top of the Line

Technology, Achievements, and Goals

Every year the administration faces the challenge to improve the school district, making it better academically as well as environmentally. Administrative goals help to set a focus. If the focus as well as the goals are accomplished it may prove to be extremely beneficial to the schools.

Of the goals, improving HSPT and MEAP scores seems to be foremost in the minds of administration officials. Superintendant Dennis Guiser said, "It is important that we try to get the students high school proficent, and to do so we needed the available technology. So avaliable computers became a priority of ours to accomplish our original goal."

This leads to the administrations goal to improve the availability technology to the students. "Our goal is to have computers in every classroom," said Principal Thomas Baldwin. "Having more technology available to the students gives them more opportunity," said Vice Principal Richard Huntington. "It is an exciting time to be a student or working with students with the kind of technology available today," said Dr. Guiser.



"The students continue to do better and better on the HSPT. Everyone is working hard and they should be proud of that." -Richard Huntington

Also this year advanced placement classes for U.S. History and Calculus were added to give students a chance to gain college credits early on, while earning credits toward graduation. Next year there will be an addition to the curriculum of three more A.P. classes. These will consist of biology, English, and government.

Offered as well as advanced placement classes are college classes for juniors and seniors. "The outlook for students taking college courses have been real good. We haven't had any problems so far, nor do we see any in the future," said Mr. Thomas Baldwin. Improvements in this program will allow more students to take college courses. "Taking the college courses while taking high school courses at the same time is a big load, but in the long run I believe it to be extremely beneficial," said Mr. Richard Huntington.

Block scheduling has also been disccussed for the future. This is where the day is divided into ninty minute classes. Mr. Richard Huntington said "Block scheduling has the potential to increase learning for the students and decrease the stress for the teachers." Despite all the talk about block scheduling, it has not yet been determined what is to be done. This new policy has been discused and may be put into effect in the years to come.





Dr. Dennis Guiser
Superintendent



Mr. William Foster
Assistant Superintendent



Mrs. Sandra Weir
Director of Finance



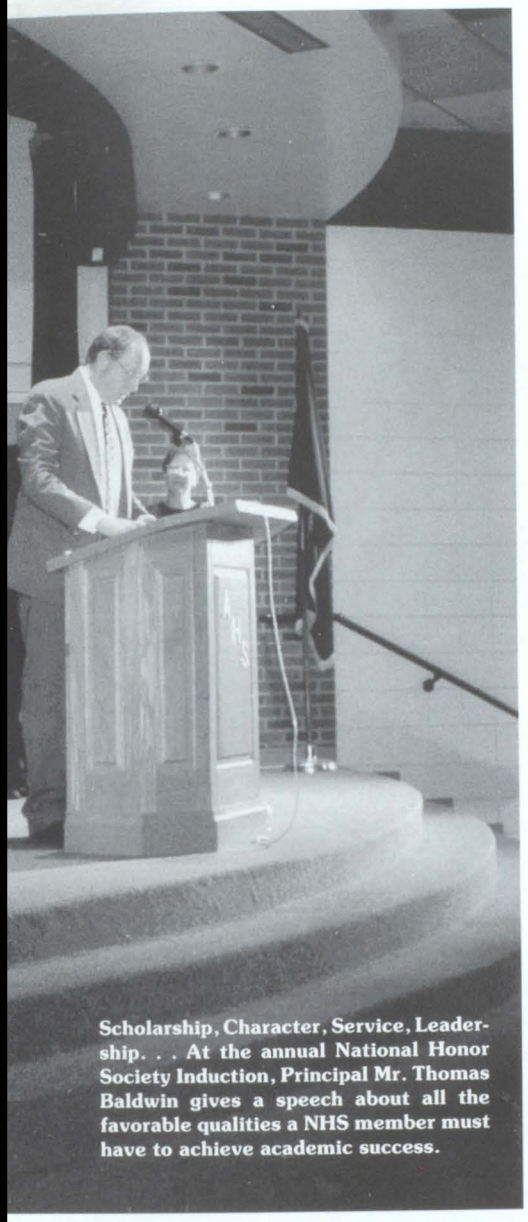
Mr. Thomas Baldwin
Principal



Mr. Richard Huntington
Assistant Principal



Plan Ahead... Thomas Baldwin, Principal, and Karen Baumgarten go over the agenda for the upcoming Career Day.



Scholarship, Character, Service, Leadership. . . At the annual National Honor Society Induction, Principal Mr. Thomas Baldwin gives a speech about all the favorable qualities a NHS member must have to achieve academic success.



Central Office Personel: Mrs. Mary Schoeninger, Mrs. Mary Shiloff, Mrs. Rose Hartwell, Mrs. Linda Minteer, Mrs. Irene Bird, and Mrs. Nancy Jeannette



Algonac School Board: Dr. Dennis Guiser, *Superintendent;* Mr. Edward Stanulis, *Trustee;* Mr. Paul Dennis, *Vice president;* Mrs. Sharon Stiltner, *Secretary;* Mr. Leroy Bristol, *Treasurer;* Mary Ann Drob, *President; Not pictured:* Mr. Bud Hulewicz, *Trustee;* Mr. Andy Goulet, *Trustee*



Busy Man... Mr. William Foster, Assistant Superintendent, checks his next appointment after being interviewed by yearbook





Coming Up Roses... School Board members Mrs. Mary Ann Drob, Dr. Dennis Guiser, Mrs. Sharon Stilter, Mr. Paul Dennis, Mr. Andy Goulet, Mr. Thomas Baldwin, and Mr. Leroy Bristol present a bouquet of roses to the Homecoming King and Queen at halftime.

Keeping up... with paperwork, Mr. Bob Enne, Athletic Director, hurries to finish before coaching the basketball team to victory.

Parent Advisory: Mrs. Barbara Altman, Mrs. Katie McCullough, Mrs. Jill Hutchins, and Mr. Thomas Baldwin







Parent night... Mrs. Karen Baumgarten and Mrs. Linda Hurst help parents find their way around the school on open house night.

Looking into the future... Mrs. Lori Katlein, Mrs. Pat Collins and Mrs. Linda Hurst help kids get going on Career Day.



Sort and stack... Mrs. Linda Hurst files letters that will be sent home to the students and parents.



The People in Command



The office is like the heart of the school. Without it the school couldn't function. Mrs. Pat Collins, Mrs. Pat Webster, Mrs. Karen Baumgarten, and Mrs. Linda Hurst are what keeps the heart pumping. Everyday the secretaries take care of things like student records, answering the phones, medical needs, attendance, and getting students to class. The secretaries never stop moving. The office is hectic at times. Mrs. Pat Collins says,"Day to day the office atmosphere is perky."

Working in the office you might think wouldn't exactly be what kind of job you would want. It takes a person with a lot of heart to do there job. "I enjoy the students, thats why I enjoy my job," said Mrs. Pat Webster.

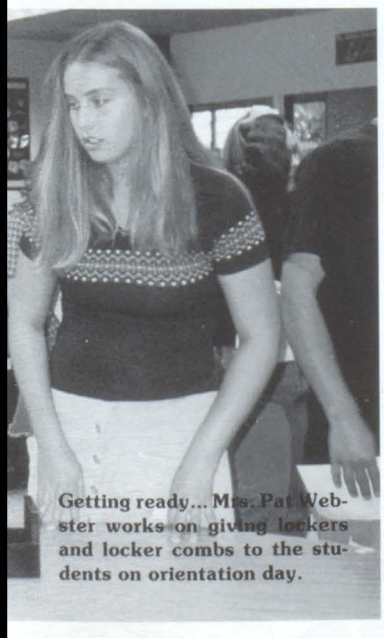
A new addition to our secretary staff is Mrs. Karen Baumgarten. She came this year from the Middle School. "There are more responsibilities but I enjoy still being able to work with the students. Being the principal's secretary is more relaxing."

Another important group in our school is Parent Advisory Board. The job of the Parent Advisory is to give feed back on school activities and the curriculum. They bring in new ideas and give out new ideas at the disrict advisory meetings.

Mr. Sam Dobbs and Mrs. Diane Licari keep our school trouble free. Mrs. Licari monitors the halls to make sure that everyone gets to class on time while Mr. Dobbs keeps the parking lot organized.



"It's nice being around the kids that I watched grow up in junior high," said Mrs Karen Baumgarten.



Getting ready... Mrs. Pat Webster works on giving lockers and locker combs to the students on orientation day.







Mrs. Karen Baumgarten

Mrs. Pat Collins

Mrs. Linda Hurst





Mrs. Diane Licari

Mrs. Pat Webster

Beyond the Walls

So often, teachers are just those faces we see five days a week for 55 minutes. Yet, throughout our high school days, we have a chance to see teachers beyond the classroom doors. Many of our teachers do not just sit behind a desk, lecture, and grade papers.

Besides teaching Comm I and Comm II, Mr. Scott McIntyre has a lot of activities that he does after school. He is involved in football at the Jr. High, coaches a intermural basketball team, and is also on the English Frameworks Committee. Though he is a first year teacher, he has grown in popularity among the students.

Another one of our mysterious teachers is Mr. Michael Taylor. He is one of our Special Services teachers, but most of the students don't realize the things that he does outside of his classroom. Mr. Taylor is involved in track, girls basketball, and his daughter's equestrian activities. Jeremy Gohl said, "Mr.Taylor likes being the track coach because he likes to watch us compete and do our best. He is a teacher who cares about every student and not just his own."

Mr.Mark Simms is also a teacher who is involved with activities outside of school. He is a member of the girls' track staff and is on the football staff. During the summer he works with his father cutting wood in Flint. Students think highly of Mr. Simms. Bobby Schrader said, "He is a great coach. He wants to see us succeed no matter what."

Another teacher who adds extra time is Mrs. Sandra Bade. In addition to her classroom involvement, she sponsors many trips. Cassi Bommarito said: "It was fun to attend Stratford. You learn a lot just by being there."

Despite committment, many individual teachers find time to be active with students.









Standing Guard... Mr. Rameau, Ms. Gabler, Ms. May, Ms. Wenz, Ms. Elliot, Ms. Bishara, Ms. Lichvar, Mr. Huntington, Ms. Bade, Mr. Jones, Mr. Godfrey, Ms. Shagena keep close watch over the students during a Homecoming pep assembly.

Christmas surprises... No one ever knows what is in the box when the faculty plays Secret Santa. Each faculty member pulls the name of another faculty member and cleans out his/her office for something unique. Mr. Rod Greenwood carefully opens the box at the party.

Glad to be here...Mr.Greg Godfrey enjoys teaching his U.S. History classes. U.S. History is a mandatory class for students.



What could this be... At the annual faculty gift exchange, Mrs. Mary Jackson opens the gift- a black velvet Elvis for the Tea Room while Mr. James Holmes watches.



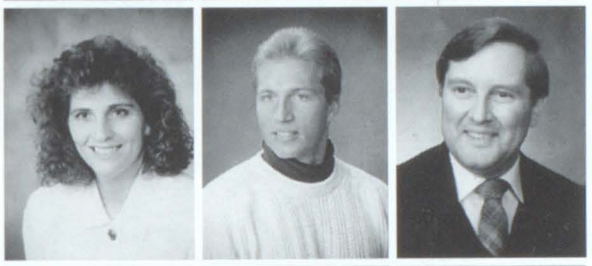
A watchful eye...For Mr. Ken Musson, keeping a close eye on his students in Woodworking is a very important part of being a teacher.



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Ms. Kristen Bishara- Special Services
Ms. Carol Bokhari- French I, II, III, IV



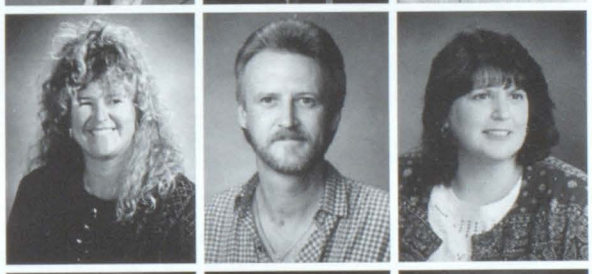
Ms. Amy Click- Spanish I, II
Ms. Pam Elliott- Special Services
Ms. Debra Fenton- Earth Science, Space Science, Science Olympics



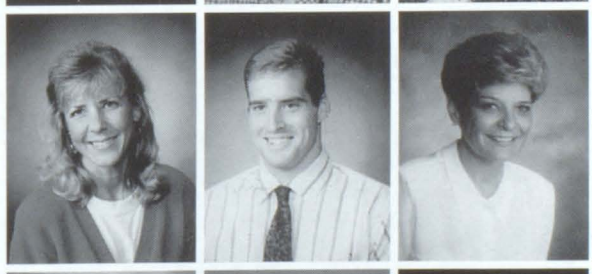
Ms. Mary Gabler- Special Services
Mr. Dan Gilbertson- Social Studies, U.S. History, Track, JV Football
Mr. Greg Godfrey- U.S. History



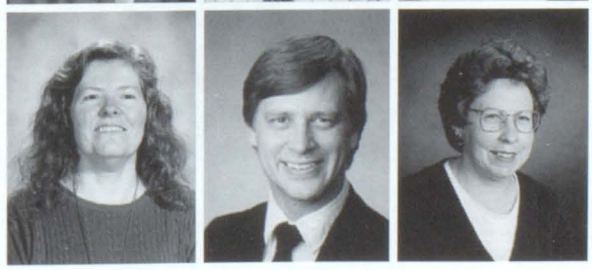
Mr. Rodney Greenwood- Psychology, Sociology
Mr. James Holmes- College Comp., Time Out
Ms. Mary Jackson- Business Education, Intro to Business, School to Work, Time Out



Ms. Paula Johnson- Counseling, Student Council, Girl's Tennis
Mr. Greg Jones- Commercial Design, Drawing and Painting
Ms. Karen Jones- Geometry B2, Computer Programing, Algebra, Varsity Club, Time Out



Ms. Lori Katlein- Counseling, Dec?
Mr. Dave Kochan- Health ~~Weights~~ Training, Wrestling,
Ms. Marsha Lichvar- Computer Software, Accounting I



Ms. Sharon Llewellyn- Transitional Math, At Risk Program
Mr. Terry Maki- Geometry, Algebra, Algebra B1
Ms. Ruth Mavis- U.S. History, ***Rememberance***

Mr. Scott McIntyre- Comm I, Comm II,Jr. High Football, Jr. Intermural
Mr. Dennis McMaken- Rainbow Connection, Special Delivery
Ms. Kathleen Mellon- Social Studies, U.S. History, Varsity Club

Mr. Ken Musson- Architectural Design, Woodworking, Drafting
Ms. Kathy Nist- Media Specialist, National Honor Society NCA Chairperson
Ms. Kris Prescott- Comm II, Comm III

Mr. Lou Rameau- Special Services
Ms. Marie Rediess- Life Science, Physiology and Anatomy
Ms. Mary Robertson- Advanced Algebra, Figures, Statistics, and Trigonometry, NCA Chairperson

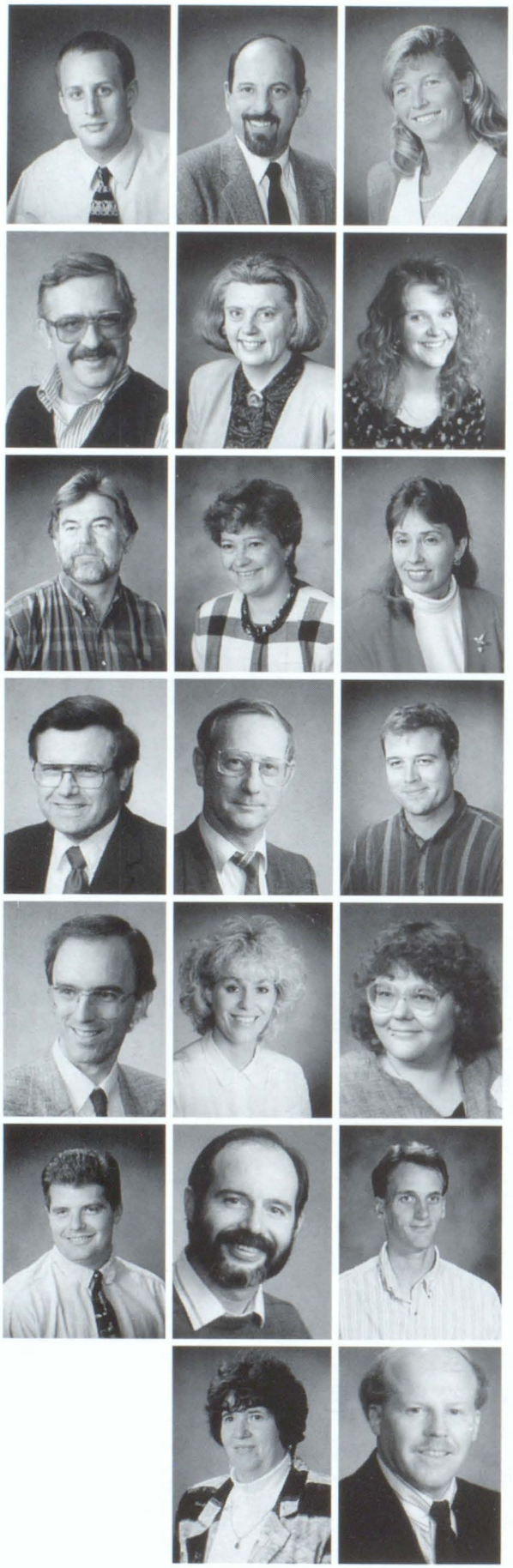
Mr. Lou Rochon- Algebra, B3, Geometry, AP Calculus
Mr. Jesse Sabo- Physics, Chemistry, Environmental Science
Mr. Dan Salyer- Algebra B1, Algebra, Geometry, Varsity Football, JV Football, Wrestling

Mr. Dan Shafer- Drama, Audio and Visual Production, Comm II, Track, ***Rat Review***
Ms. Cheryl Sharnweber- Comm I, Comm II
Ms. Anita Shagena- Comm II, Government, Close-Up

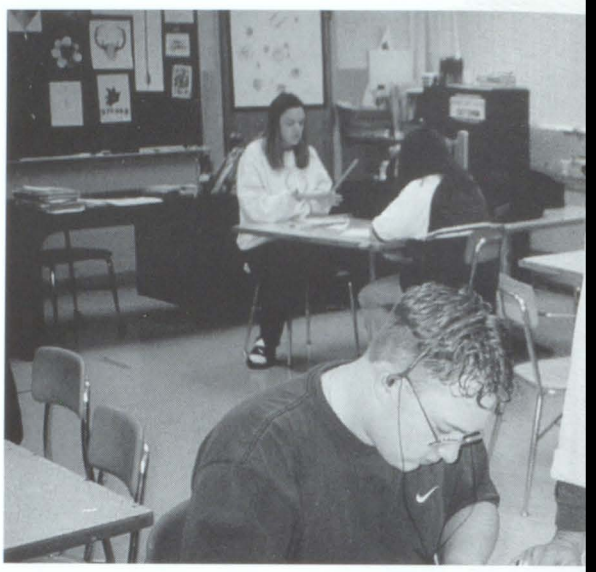
Mr. Mark Simms- Physical Science, Team Sports, Varsity Football
Mr. Michael Taylor- Special Services, Senior Class Advisor, Track, Equestrian
Mr. Jason Vitick- Marching Band, Symphonic Band

Ms. Patricia Wright- Economics, College Bound Keyboarding
Mr. Steve Young- American Literature, AP History

Not Pictured: **Mr. Mike Sharrow**- U.S. History, Physical Education, Team Sports, Varsity Football, Varsity Baseball **Ms. Stephanie Urban**- Biology, Botany,JV Volleyball



The art of being a teacher... Mr. Greg Jones gives advice to Arther House in his 6th hour Art Class.



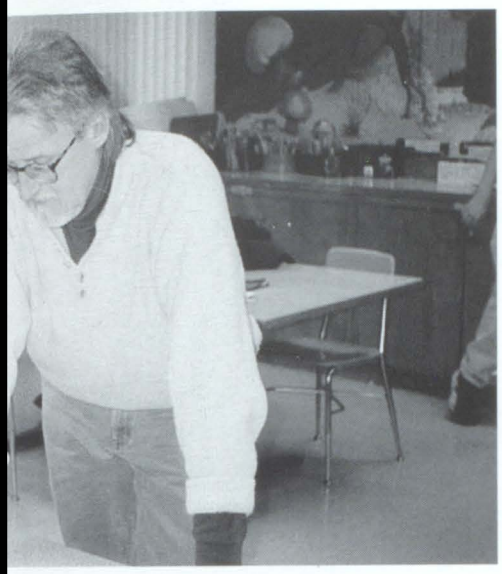




Taking care of business... Ms. Patricia Wright takes her time to grade her student's typing assignments.

Teacher Creatures

Oh what fun... Ms. Karen Jones and Mr. Mark Simms take a chess break during lunch with Jeff Castonia, Lija Spisak, and John Gerds.



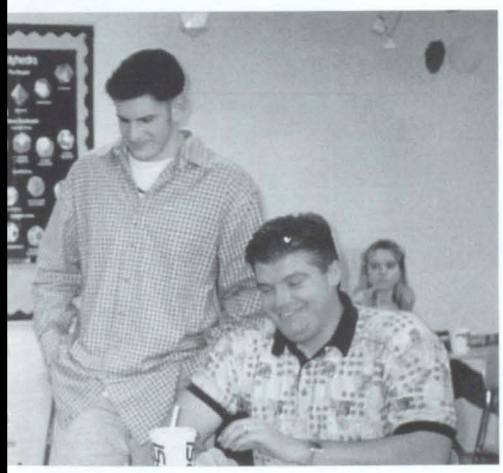
What makes a class interesting? Why do students flock to sign up for psychology and beg to be in yearbook or newspaper? What makes a science class interesting? It's all due to individual teachers.

Contrary to popular belief, the faculty isn't just here because it's their career. They actually enjoy teaching! Ms. Stephanie Urban became a teacher because she loves science. "I enjoy working with teenagers. They're really fun and it keeps me young." Other teachers are quite interested in the classes that they teach. "My most interesting class is College Composition." said Mr. James Holmes. "It deals with English, which is something that I'm good at."

Of course teachers do have lives beyond the classroom. For instance, Mr. Mark Simms likes to hunt, fish, and spend time with his family during his free time, while Mr. Rod Greenwood likes to play on his computer and fantasize about Julia Roberts.

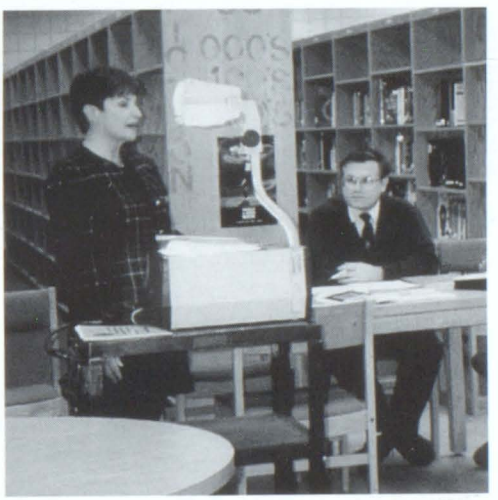
But what about when school is out? Well, some teachers continue to work. Talk about dedication! Mr. Dan Gilbertson and Mr. Scott McIntyre both work at a landscaping company and Mr. Greg Jones rebuilds his 1968 911 Porche.

So are teachers really human beings? Of course they are! Why else would they have such great personalities which result in such great classes?! Many teachers incorporate varied activities into their curriculum.

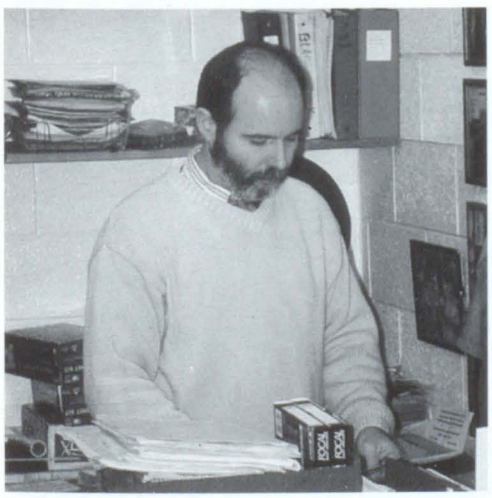




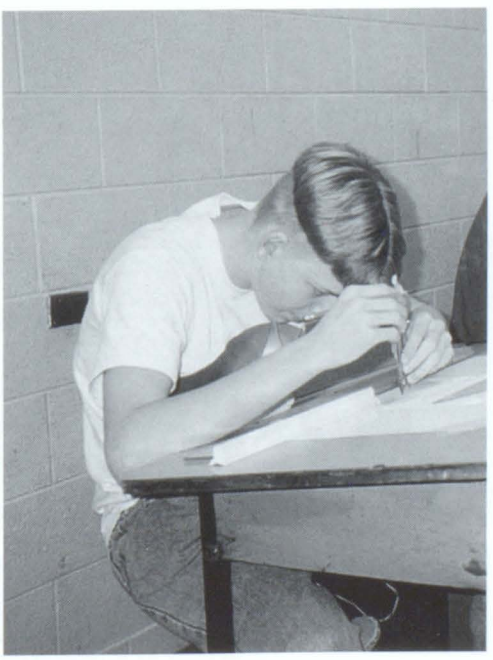
Parent-teacher Opportunities... Ms. Kris Prescott discusses a student's progress during Parent-Teacher Conferences.



Teaching the teachers... High School Counselor, Kathy Pecora, from Charlotte, Michigan, speaks to faculty members Mr. Lou Rochon and Mr. Jason Vitick about block scheduling.



Actively involved... Mr. Michael Taylor sorts through his track records.



Diligently drafting... James Caruthers jams to his walkmen while concentrating on his drafting project.

Making AHS a Better Place

Many people contribute their professional services to the teachers and students of AHS. There are eight cafeteria help staff and there are five custodians. There are also sixteen bus drivers.

There have been many changes to the cafeteria. The new Canteen service offers a wide variety of foods for students such as curly fries, cappucino, stuffed crust pizza, ice cream, hard lunch trays, new decor, and Taco Bell burritos. Hungry Howie's pizza is available on Wednesdays. The cafeteria manager, Mrs. Linda Frantz is also planning to add promotions like lucky trays, adult lunches, eat right, feel right lunches, and music or television monitors during the lunch periods.

"The food is better than last year and it has improved tremendously," said students, ,Amy Solomon and Tracie Telesz.

Trash in halls has been a tough problem this year, students have been reluctant in keeping our school clean. The halls are more polluted than last year.

"We are here to keep the school clean and not to clean up the garbage the kids throw around," said Mrs. Gail Gendron, school custodian.



Mrs. Diane Harrington said, "I work here because I love the kids here."

The custodians seem to think that keeping the desks clean is the hardest of their job. Many of the teachers help keep the desks clean.

Bus driving is a difficult job because you have challenges like the road conditions and managing children. To be a good bus driver you must have a good attitude and give a 100% when you are driving.

"I get up every morning because everyday is something new," says Mrs. Dolores Mayle.

The bus drivers help the kids when ever they can. There are also things to help the drivers like the cameras, half of the buses are new, and they have radios to communicate with each other and the bus garage.

Mrs. Shirley Farley said, "We all work as a team and Mr. Evan Szymanski is a good boss and he is very understanding."

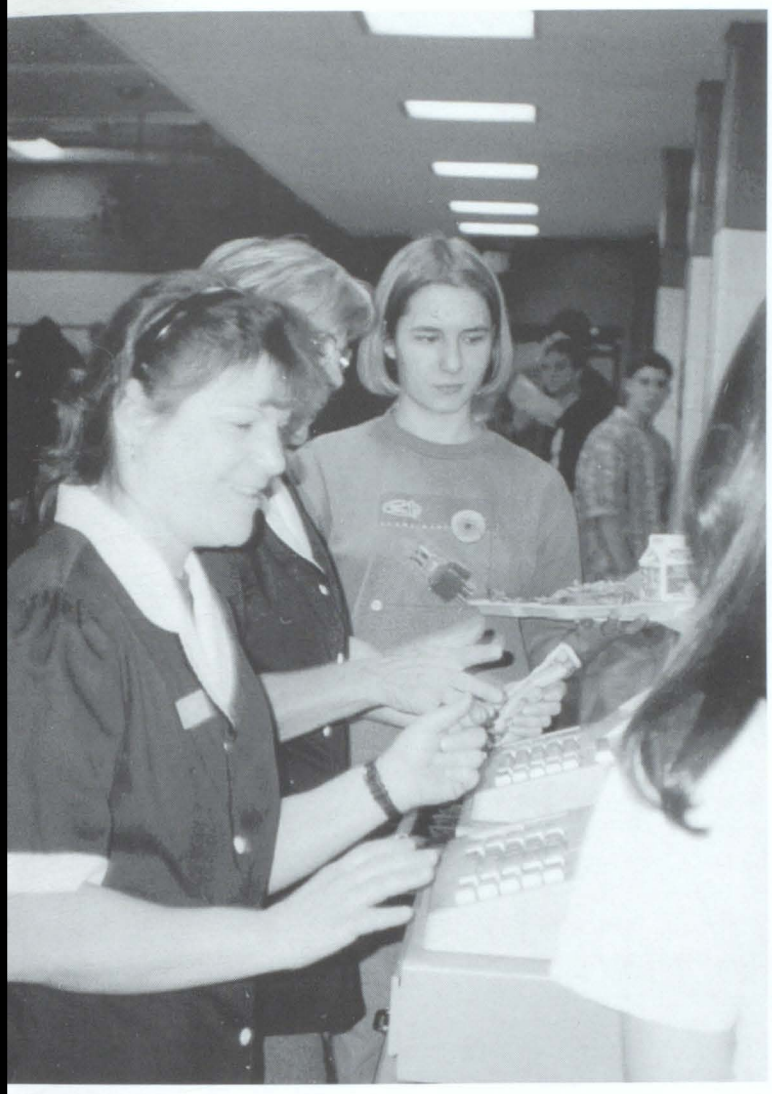






Fork it Over...Mr. Michael Sharrow gives Mrs. Sue Smith his money for his yummy salad at lunch.

Bus Drivers *Front row* Debra Kmetz, Dorthy Myny, Tamera Schwortz, Maxine Zamborowski, Sandy Coomer *Second Row* Carol Raymond, Susie Schindler, Dolores Mayle, Beth Smith, Debbie Meldrum, Ron Rappaport, Christine Orchard *Not Pictured* Shirley Farley, Doris Long, Sharon McLane, Deborah Meldrum, Jean Sicken



Cha-Ching... Mrs. Holly McKinnie and Mrs. Sue Smith, take students money during third lunch.

Whistling why she works... Mrs. Pat Lauzon cleans the counter to be ready for the next days cooking.





Custodians: *Front row:* Gail Gendron, Jeannie Rolewicz *Back row:* Joe Mac Dormott, Gary Tesch, Finley Gerow.



Cooks: *Front row:* Jeanie Labelle, Diane Harrington, Holly Mckinney *Back row:* Evelyn Avers, Kris Smith, Sue Smith, Pat Lauzon, Linda Frantz

Academics



Academically Speaking

— Exam exemption policy changes again for the 1997-1998 school year

— Space science, the study of the stars, joins the AHS curriculum

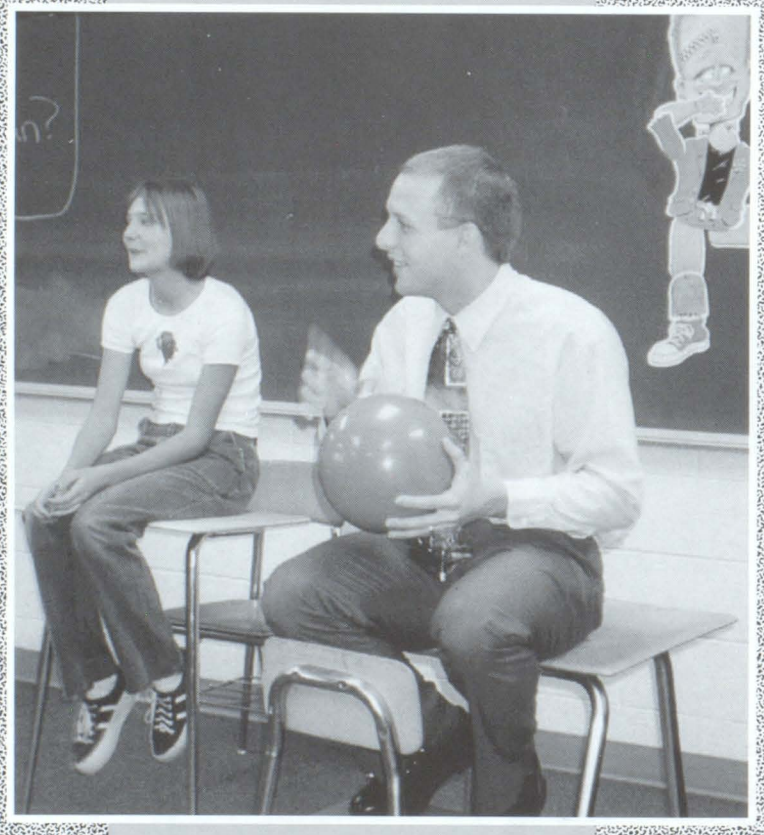
— Jig Saws, not only used as a puzzle, but is also used as a teaching method more and more

— New books arrive to give students a better outlook and allow teachers to use new teaching techniques

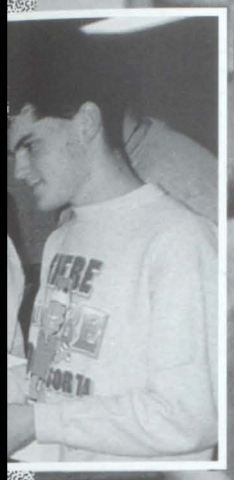
— Scheduling continues to cause challenges

— The Internet wires up for the computer explorers

— 9th graders begin their high school experience in an academy format



Speaking of... New to AHS, Mr. Scott McIntyre uses an alternative teaching technique of "silent ball" to review for a short story test. Scorekeeper Gail Sobolaski looks on as the team participants prepare to answer the next question.



Search for the stars. . . Heather Castle, Kelly Langdon and Fran Sampter ask Mrs. Debra Fenton for help with their project for Space Science.

It's Tool Time. . . Freshman Eric Cameron works productively by putting his wooden mirror holder in a vice in Mr. Jim Musson's woodworking class. The woodworking class puts students in real life job situations, just like the many other elective classes available at AHS.



With a touch of the button. . . Amanda Griffin concentrates hard in Mrs. Mary Jackson's Office Education class trying to finish her calculating drills. Office Education is available for students who plan on working in an office or plan to own their own business someday.

HSPT Challenges, Headaches and Curriculum Changes

The H.S.P.T....four letters that the students statewide are starting to dread hearing. The state test is controversial and legislators continue to debate the merits of the test. Despite the problems and concerns, students are still faced with the reality of taking this test. Jeff Arpan said, "Writing skills are useless on the HSPT if you don't understand what you are supposed to write about."

The H.S.P.T. has four sections to it; math, science, reading and writing. The teachers try to help prepare their students by working in H.S.P.T. material into their lesson plans, classroom practices and mandatory writing days. "When I had Mrs. Bade last year for English Literature the practices helped me a lot because the teacher took the test seriously", said Courtney Pioszak.

The math and science sections seem to stress the students the most. "Mrs. Robertson had us do a lot of practice worksheets in Advanced Algebra," said Jon Pitrucelle. "I think they helped a lot."

The majority of students feel that the test is a waste of time and not really looked at after high school. "Just because you do bad on the test you don't get the endorsements, no matter how good your grades are," said January Flood. Don Schweihofer also added, " I was talking to a representative from Johnson and Wales University and she said they don't even look at the H.S.P.T. scores. They mean nothing."



"I think Intro. to Business will help me out a lot after high school. I have learned things I will need to use later in life." Lissette Walldeck

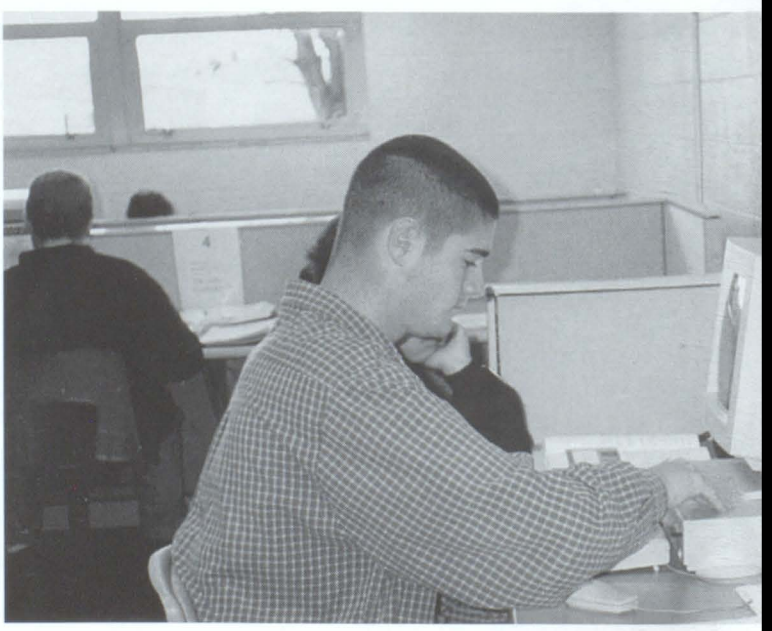
Another problem with the test is that if you don't pass the test the first time you have to keep taking it over and over again. Alicia Wenz said,"It really mad me angry that I didn't pass all of the test the first time, it took so long and seemed to be just a big waste of time. I also think that if teachers spent more time preparing us that I would have done a lot better."

This year the H.S.P.T will be shorter for the students and the test can have some benefits for the students too. Mrs. Paula Johnson said, "The H.S.P.T. is a good practice test for college entrance exams, the ACT, and the SAT. It also gives students opportunity for dual enrollment, where students can take college courses early. This program gives students credit for both high school and college courses. This way when graduation time comes along the students who had the opportunity for dual enrollment already have a jump ahead on their college career and can graduate with endorsements on their diploma." There is also the sense of achievement the students get when they pass all four parts of the exam.

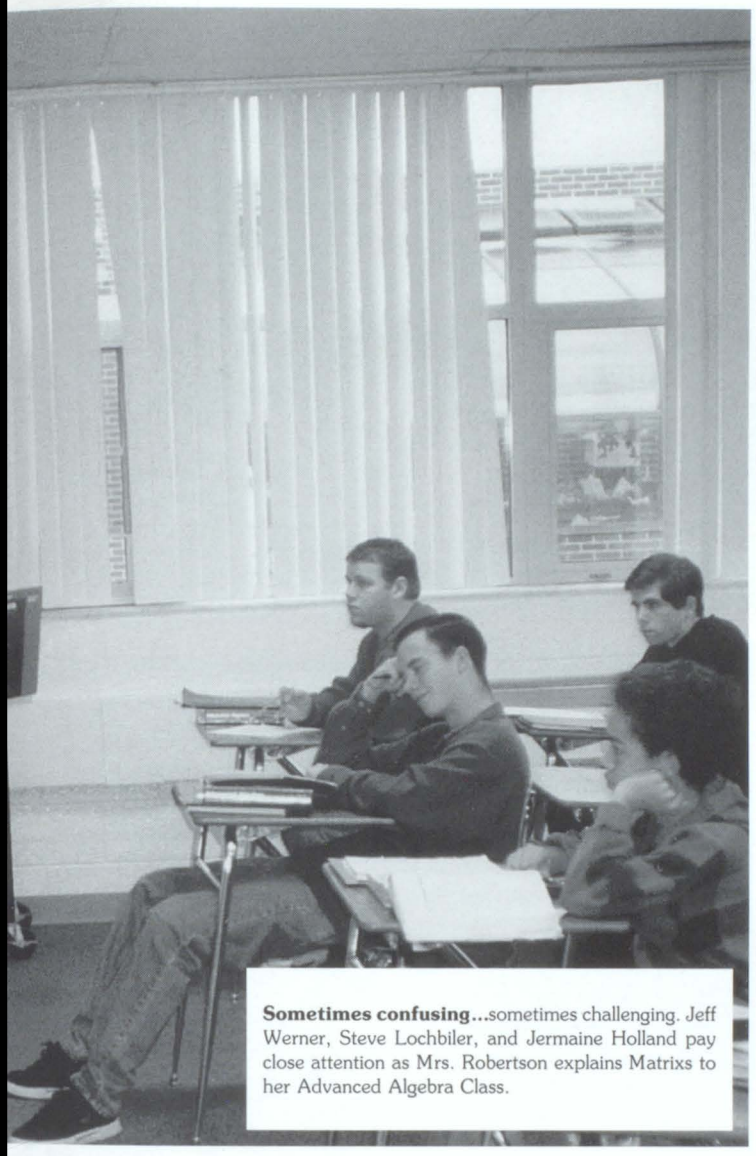




Free time... Adam Hallman peers into an algae infested tank hoping to catch a glimpse of fish and micro organisms which are used in an Ecosystem project.



Getting started... Kevin Beindit takes his turn on the computer completing the latest project in Computer Software.



Sometimes confusing...sometimes challenging. Jeff Werner, Steve Lochbiler, and Jermaine Holland pay close attention as Mrs. Robertson explains Matrixs to her Advanced Algebra Class.



Mandatory writing days... are a part of the curriculum. Mrs. Sandra Bade reads the latest writing assignment while the 6th hour class participates in a quick writing assignment.



Taking time... Mr. Dan Salyer takes a minute to explain the day's lesson in more detail to freshman Eric Myers as Eric Schweihofer, Chris Patrias and Whitney Bell work on completing their assignments.





Searching... Hector DeSaedeleer searches for his company in the New York Stock Exchange to keep up to date on his Economics project. A complete report on the company as well as a summary of how the stock did all semester is due in January.

Making the Best Even Better

Every new school year brings many different changes. Some years the changes may be little things, but this year things were different; many big changes took place this year that opened many new doors not only for students, but also for teachers.

A major change that took place this year was the new books issued for the Biology, U.S. History, and Government classes. "Our new books are very closely aligned to the state guidelines. Our books have great activities and worksheets that go along with the material." said science teacher Mrs. Stephanie Urban.

The students enjoy the new books as well. "The new books are better and more high quality then all the others I've had. They are more detailed and interesting." says freshmen Anita Lawhead.

In addition, the district is taking steps to get the Internet more accessible to the students. All of the class rooms now have telecommunication drops so the rooms will be able to access the Internet.

There are hopes of having computers that are hooked up to the Internet during this school year. Senior Kate Dearie said: "I think that with more available windows into the Internet, it will make computer exploration more attractive to future students. I don't think the class of '98 was able to fully benefit from the new system, but hopefully the classes to come will have the opportunity."



Concentration is key as Misty Harvey works on an independent project in Office Block. The Block experience was an unique opportunity for students to work in an office setting.

Another change is in the area of teaching methods and different types of group projects. In English classes, peer editing helps students to evaluate writing. Other teachers are trying new strategies such as alternative learning techniques. One new technique being used is jig sawing. College Composition teacher Mr. James Holmes who uses jig sawing activities believes, "Students become active learners rather than passive learners. They do many learning activities when completing a jigsaw activity."

In other English classes such as Mrs. Sandra Bade's Comm. IV class, the students do peer editing projects. The students get into pairs and edit each others writing assignments. Senior Stacey Bark says, "I think peer editing is very important because it gives you the chance for someone else to point out your mistakes before the paper gets graded."

The students are grateful for the many changes that happened this year. "I feel that this years changes are highly beneficial to all students." says Junior Noah Weiss.

Senior Danielle Sartain says, "I think that the new changes will make our school a better place."

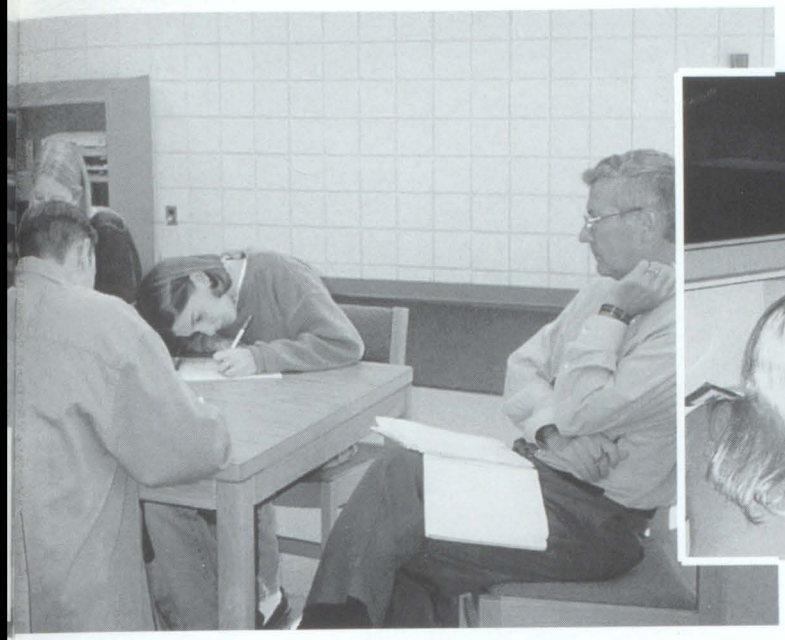


Puttting together the pieces... Mr. James Holmes works with Erica Worthen, Matt Blanck, Lori Smith and Theresa Stahl during their Our Town College Composition jig saw activity.



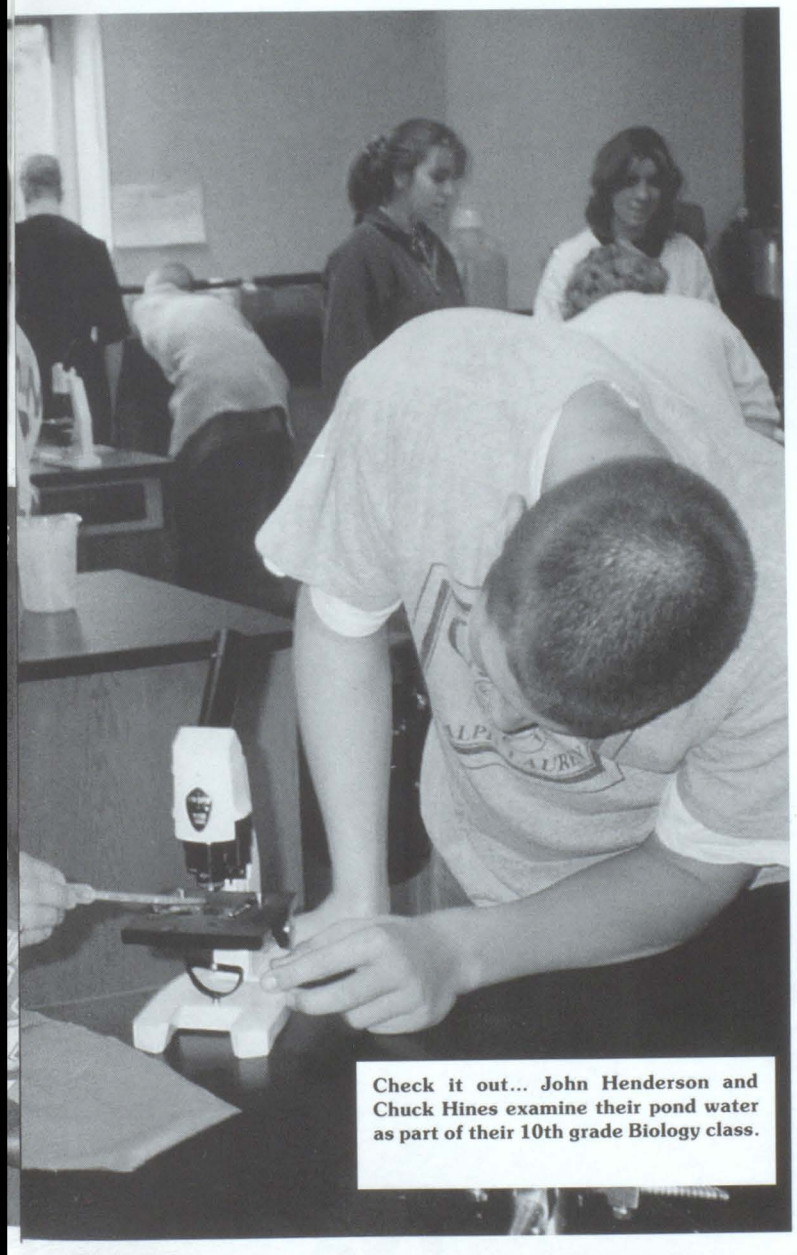


Weighing in... Mrs. Marie Rediess watches over while Nathan Maroney, Alicia Wenz, and Kristy Medrano weigh their potato cores for an experiment in their Physiology and Anatomy class.

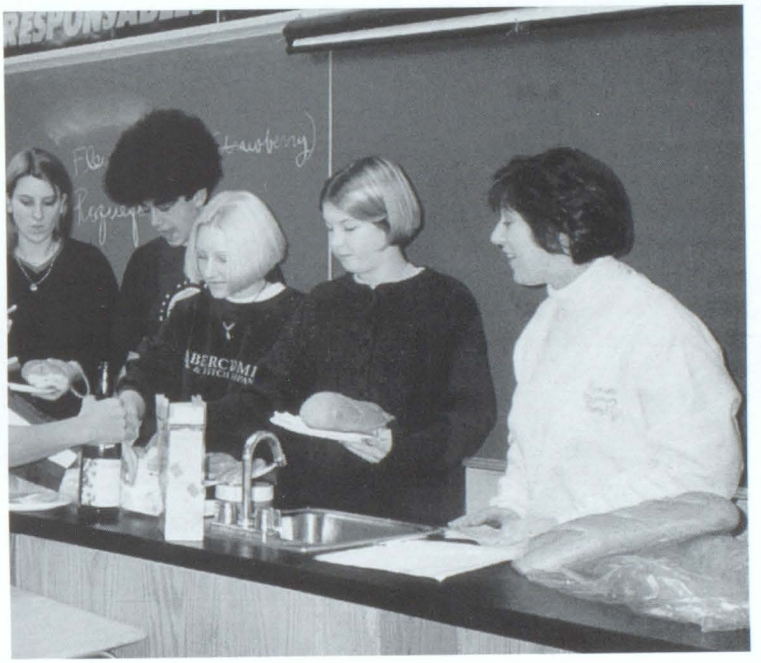




Higher learning... Mrs. Marsha Lichvar assists Sarah Craft and Angela Thomas with an assignment for Computer Software.



Check it out... John Henderson and Chuck Hines examine their pond water as part of their 10th grade Biology class.





Let's eat... In Mrs. Carol Bokhari's French class, Amy Solomon, Josh Dickens, Jennifer Phelan and Aimee Pearson celebrate a French treat by eating bread and cheese.

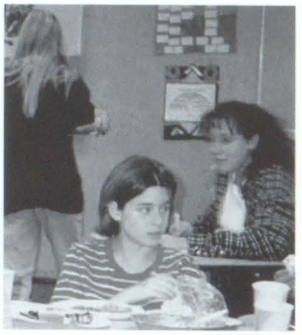
Surfing the net... Ms. Kathy Nist helps Mrs. Lori Katlein log on to the Internet.

Scheduling choices... Take Your Pick

Each year, students face the choice of which six classes to take. For freshman and sophomores, the choices are somewhat limited due to state requirements. However, each year choices increase. Students now need to look at all the different focuses. For the college bound, college prep classes are very essential. Colleges look at the academic classes that students choose. For students, deciding whether or not to take challenging classes is another question. "I think it is definitely better to take harder classes. I believe a college would rather take a student with harder classes and not so good of a G.P.A. than an easy schedule with a high G.P.A." said junior Stephanie Goral.

Some of the more challenging classes available include Government, Economics, College Composition, Senior Math, AP Courses, Sociology, Chemistry, Anatomy and Physiology and Biology. "I feel Biology class with Mrs. Urban is challenging because there are a lot of notes to take and a lot of labs to complete. The class is required but, I will greatly benefit from having the class," said freshman Jennifer Phelan.

There are a lot of electives to choose when students are looking for their classes to take. Some of the most popular electives are Drama, Yearbook, Newspaper, Psychology, Art, and Gym classes. "I enjoy my Drama class because it is fun but it requires a great amount of dedication," said Senior Melissa Smith.



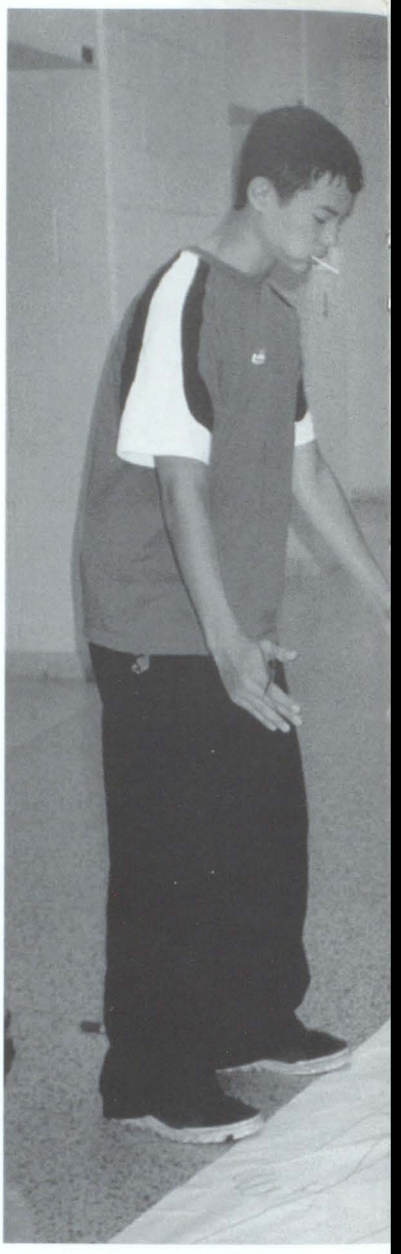
"I had a good time celebrating the Day of the Dead in Spanish class." Erin Boyd

"I took yearbook because it seemed interesting. I like the yearbooks and wanted to be a part of the making of the book." said Michelle Lupenski.

"I choose art class because I think I am very creative and artistic. It is a fairly easy class and it fit into my schedule. I also like the change from book work to doing projects hands on," said junior Jeni Schuch.

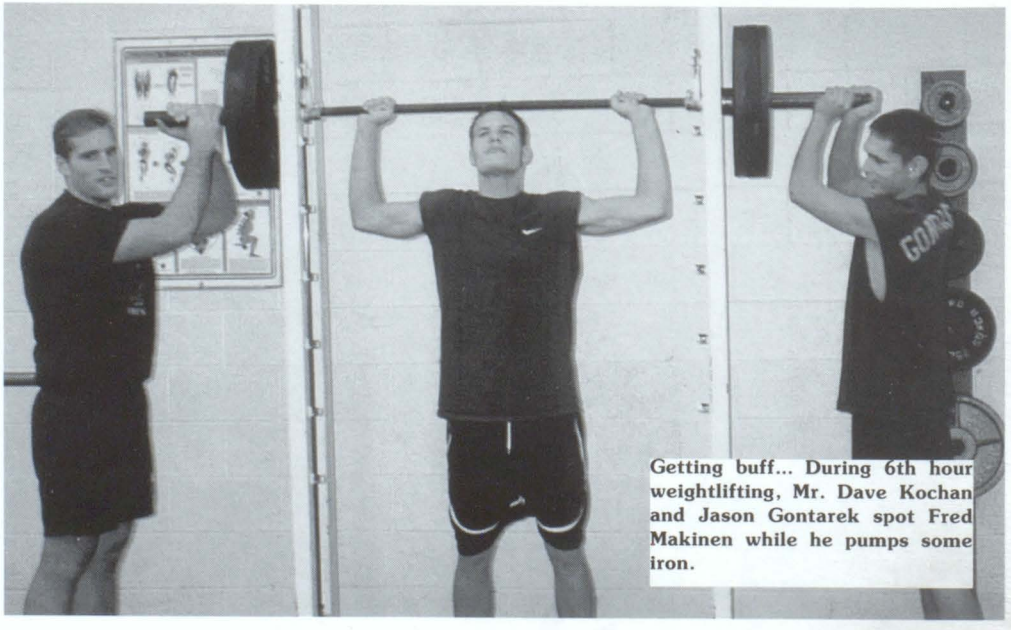
Rat Review co editor in chief, Margeaux Peters led the newspaper to another award winning year. Publications classes provide an opportunity for the editorial staff to expand on knowledge by choosing independent study for full credit. "Being editor, I need more time to layout, edit and be sure that everything is correct before the paper leaves for the printer. It's unbelievable the amount of time that this process takes." said Margeaux Peters.

Selecting your classes is a decision that every student must make. It is important to challenge oneself, but one should also take classes that compliments ones interests. The electives enable students to explore alternatives.

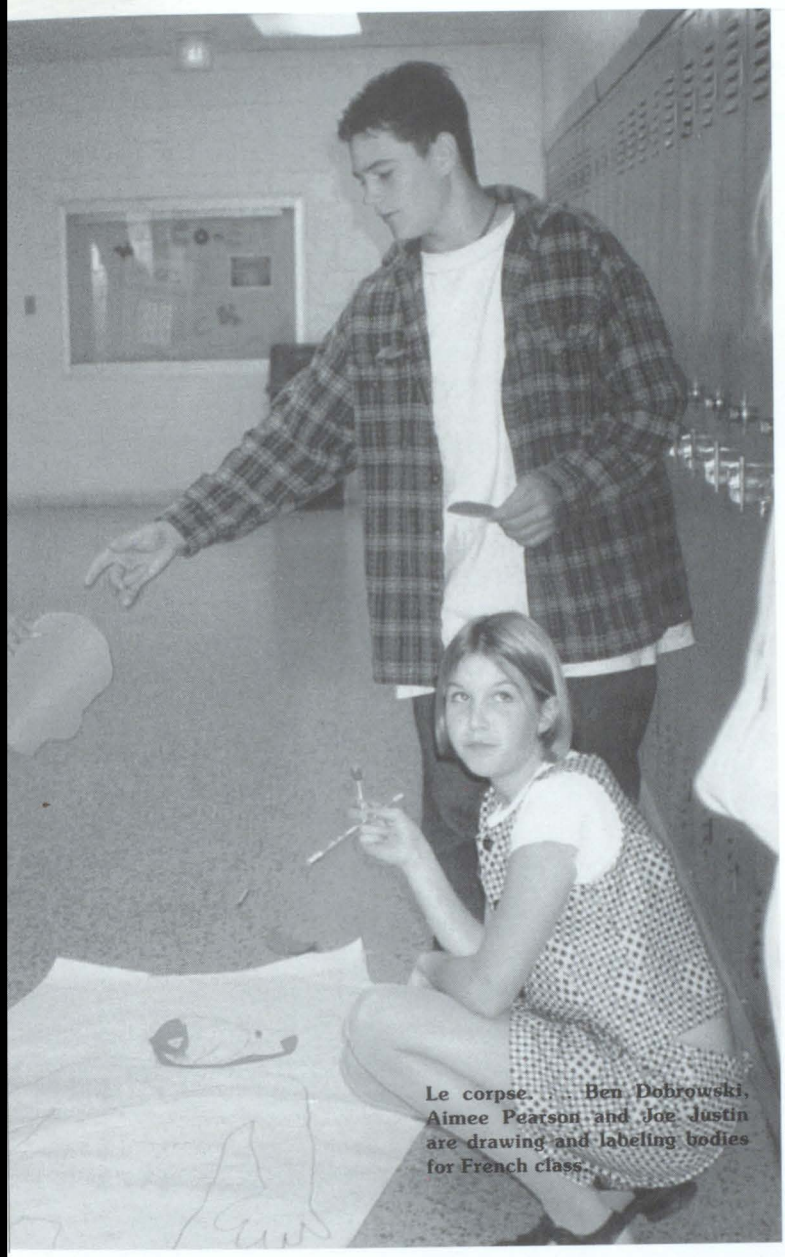




Making green slime... Danielle Eder completes an experiment in Mr. Mark Simm's science class during 6th hour.



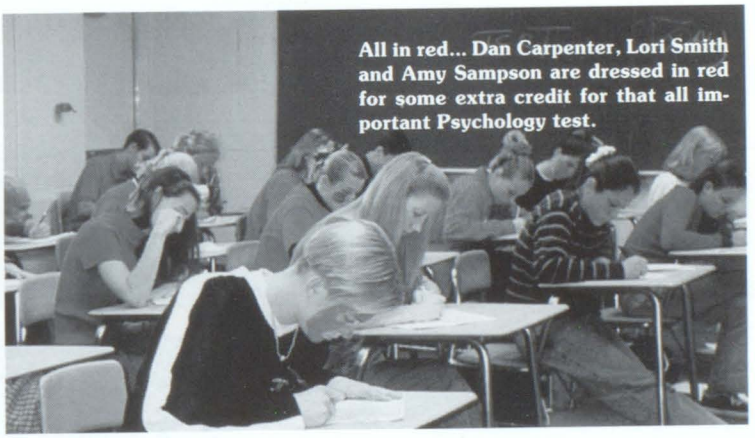
Getting buff... During 6th hour weightlifting, Mr. Dave Kochan and Jason Gontarek spot Fred Makinen while he pumps some iron.



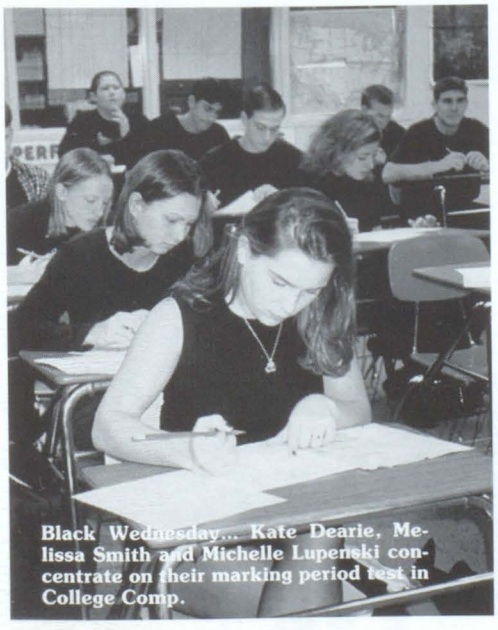
Le corpse... Ben Dobrowski, Aimee Pearson and Joe Justin are drawing and labeling bodies for French class.

Creating masterpieces... Jeni Schuch creates an ink picture for Mr. Jones art class.

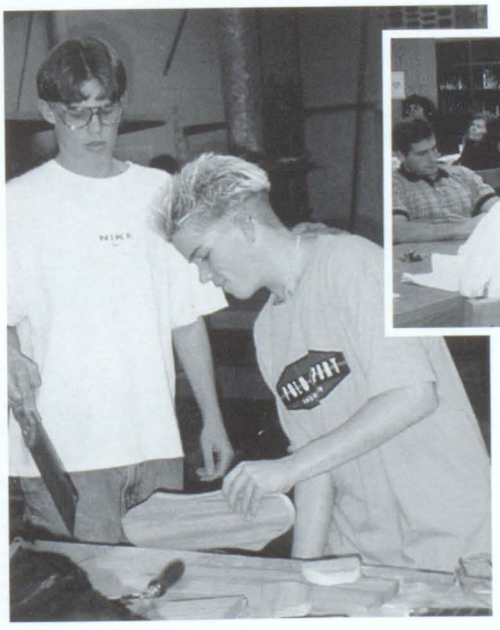




All in red... Dan Carpenter, Lori Smith and Amy Sampson are dressed in red for some extra credit for that all important Psychology test.



Black Wednesday... Kate Dearie, Melissa Smith and Michelle Lupenski concentrate on their marking period test in College Comp.





Looking at block scheduling... On November 20, 1997, teachers from Charlotte High School presented information. Mrs. Pam Elliott, Mrs. Carol Bokhari, Mrs. Amy Click, Ms. Kristen Bishara listen intently.

A cut above... Eric Stier and Chuck Polito make a candle holder during 6th hour Woodworking class.

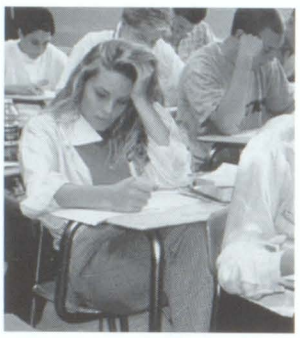
Different focus... A New Change

On September 2, students walked into the building with a certain degree of excitement and a little bit of fear. Changes abounded with new teachers, a new exam policy, a change in marking periods, AP classes, new texts in Social Studies and 10th and 11th graders facing US History.

New teachers came into the Muskrat family, including Mr. Scott McIntrye teaching Comm classes. "All of the students are nice and considerate. AHS is a good school to start out on especially when you just come out of college. The faculty is very nice and has helped me adjust to the different places in the school."

Due to increasing state hours, the exam policy policy changed. The new policy only exempts students from three exams unlike the previous years when students could be exempt from all exams. Nick Bolia said: "I like being exempt from all my exams in all of my class instead of being exempt from only three."

Another change is the new marking periods. Now there are four that are nine weeks long instead of six that were six weeks long. Not everyone likes the new marking periods including teachers.



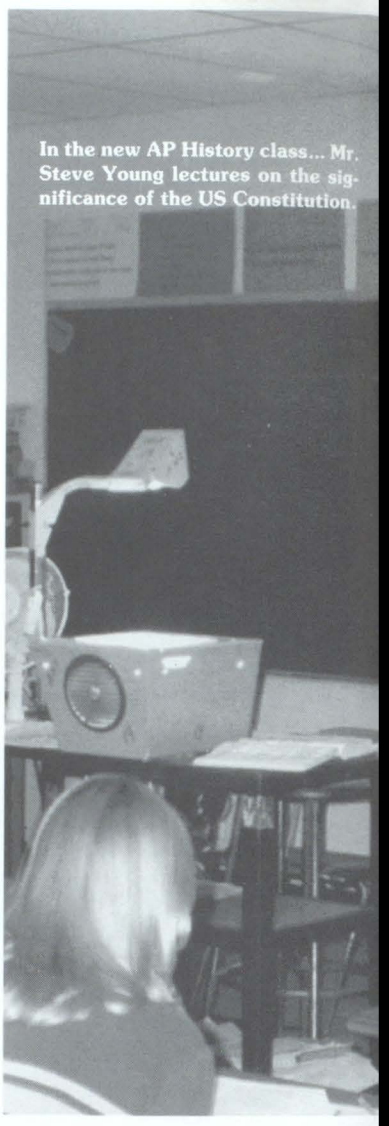
"I think that it is a very hard class, but in a way very fun to learn about our American history," Kristin Schrader.

AP History and Calculus are new additions to the curriculum. "The AP classes helps the students in many different ways, students can earn college credit, and they give students better study habits. It is difficult because there is so much material to cover." said Mr. Steve Young.

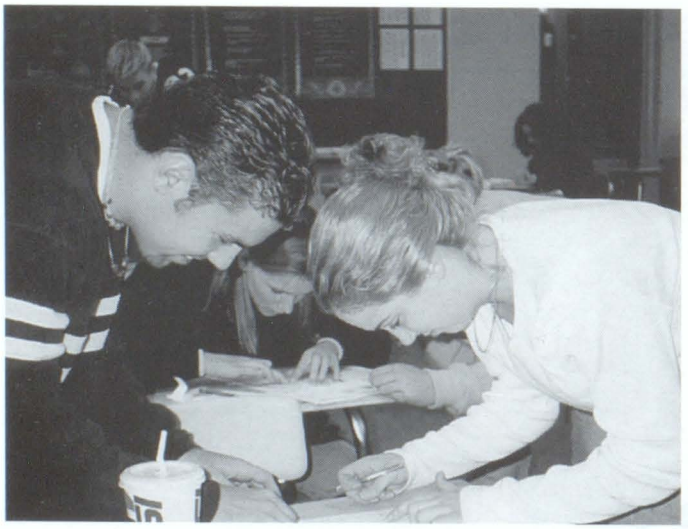
US History is required for this year for all students. "We made the switch from 11th to 10th grade in preparation for upcoming state assessment test in Social Studies. The new materials are great in preparing the students particularly in the area of exposure to primary sources which will be a part of the new test." said Mrs. Ruth Mavis.

Sophomore Chris Starcher said, "I don't think that U.S. History will be useful to me because I'm not going to be a Historian."

"Personally, I would rather take US history now to get it over with instead of waiting until next year," said Sophomore Amy Hutchins.



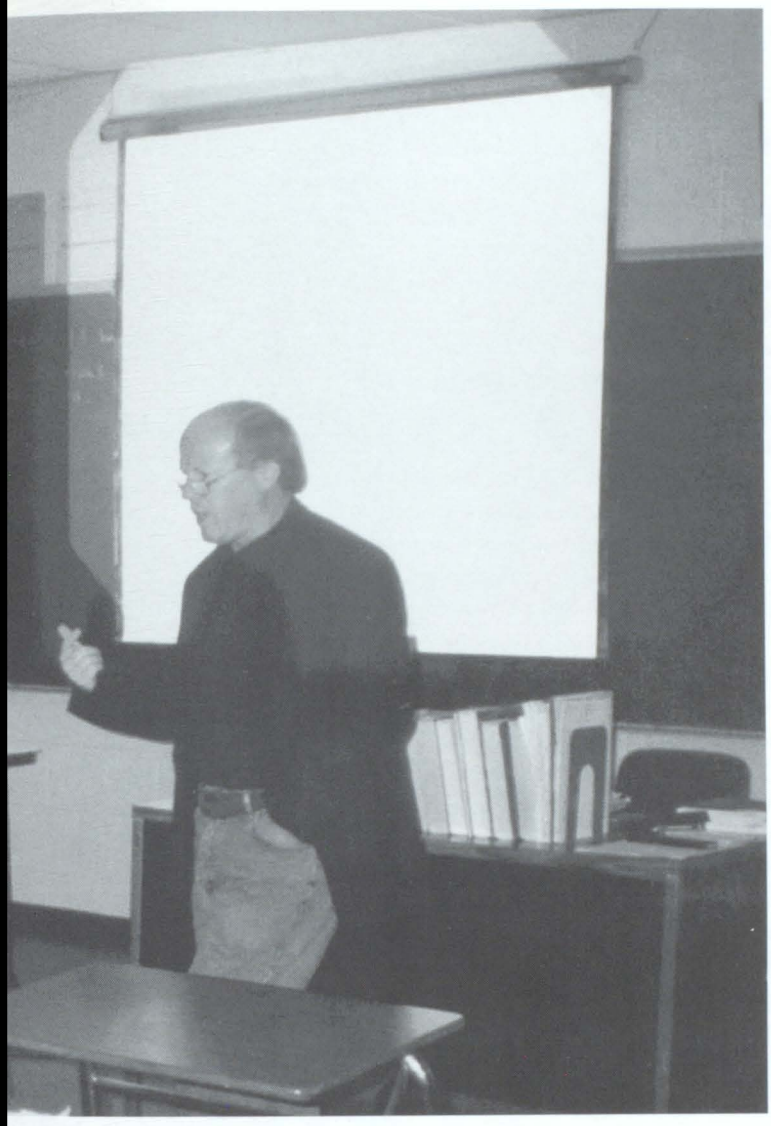
In the new AP History class... Mr. Steve Young lectures on the significance of the US Constitution.



A hard working paper... Newspaper students Adam Henderson and Megan Taylor work hard to finish the next issue of the *Rat Review.*

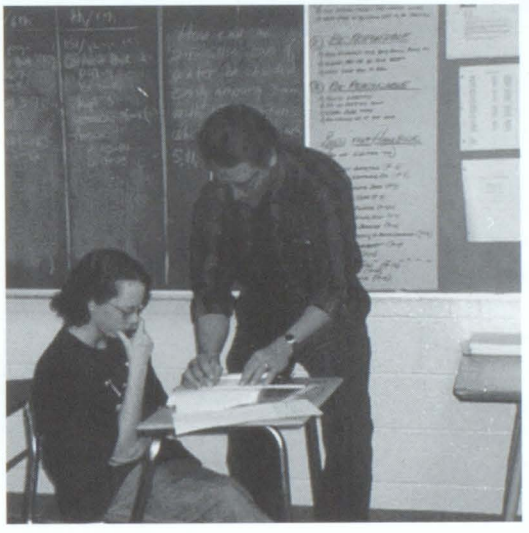


The hardest class... Mr. Louis Rochon answers a question for junior James Kandler in the new AP Calculus class.

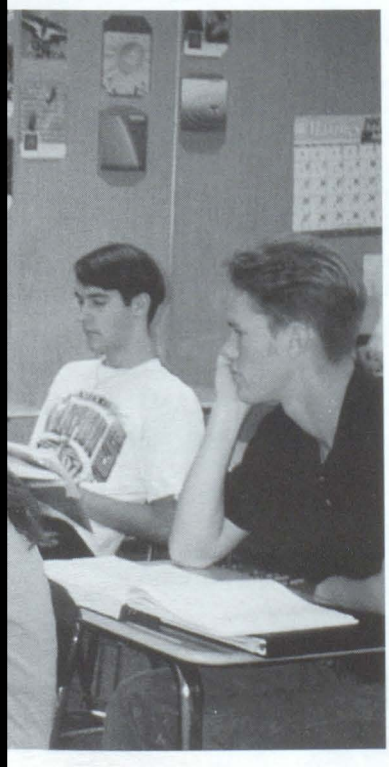


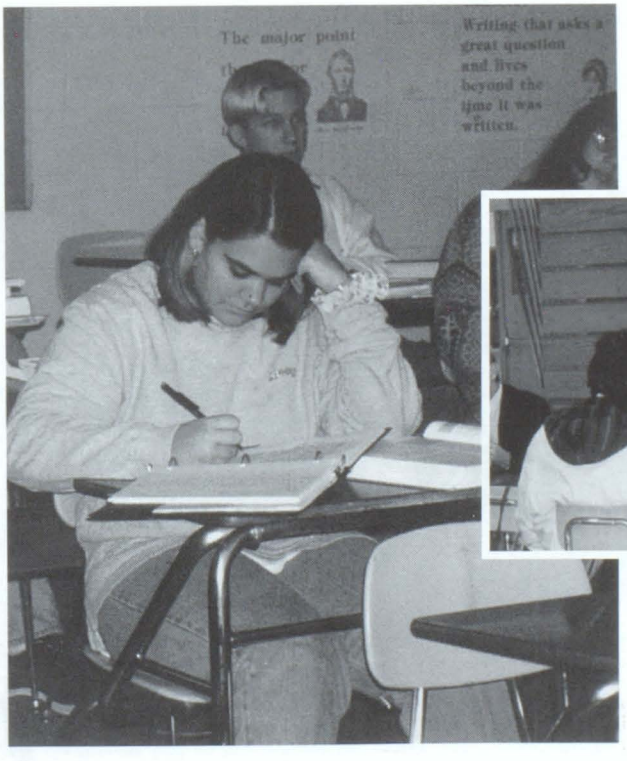


Getting the answers... Ms. Cheryl Scharnweber explains to Elyse Packard the instructions on the writing assignment dealing with *The Sniper* .



A student in need... Mr. Terry Maki helps Valerie Fearn find out the answer in her first hour Geometry class. Geometry can provide challenges to students in dealing with abstract math.





Making the grade... Junior Teressa Zelenock, diligently writes her notes down from a lecture in AP History.

Parent/ Teacher Conferences... Mr. Greg Godfrey explains to a parent how her child is doing in US History at conferences.



More Than Meets the Eye

Some classes take a lecture approach, but many classes offer hands on learning for students. There are many advantages to this type of teaching. Students are less likely to doze off in class or cause trouble. Many students believe that activities such as experiments, games, group projects and jigsawing activities help them remember more and improve their overall grade point averages.

Junior Stacie Sniezek said, "All my life, I've had a really hard time in Science. Now I have Environmental Sciences and we do a lot of projects. With the help of the hands on experience that projects give me, now I am actually getting an A."

Science classes are just one example of hands on learning. Experiments such as dissections, combining chemicals and making crystals are done almost everyday in one of the science rooms. Mrs. Stephanie Urban said, "Instead of reading about it, they see things happen."

Other classes using hands on learning include business education, foreign languages and publications classes. Mrs. Mary Jackson said, "In business classes, hands on activities are easily understood because they see the finished product."



"Experiments are essential to help students learn." Mr. Mark Simms.

The newspaper and yearbook publication classes provide real life experiences in producing award winning publications. "The office is always active with one staff or the other on deadline. Students learn to put their very best into a publication. The fact that we are award winning is recognition for how hard students work to put together a quality product." said *Remembrance* advisor Mrs. Ruth Mavis.

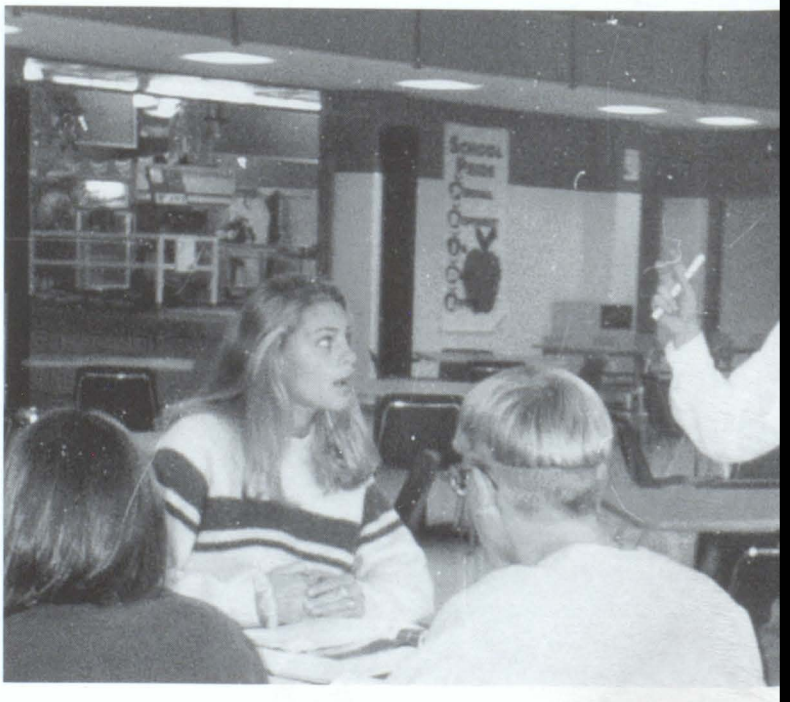
Rat Review advisor, Mr. Dan Shafer said, "Students are more likely to retain information if they are actively involved in processing information."

French and Spanish classes are known for an interactive approach. Mrs. Amy Click said, "In order to learn a foreign language, it's necessary to be interactive." Mrs. Carol Bokhari, French teacher, said, "The more senses you use to learn a foreign language, the better you can retain it." Not only do French and Spanish students read text books and take tests, they do fun and interesting activities such as cooking, making posters and watching movies and filmstrips.

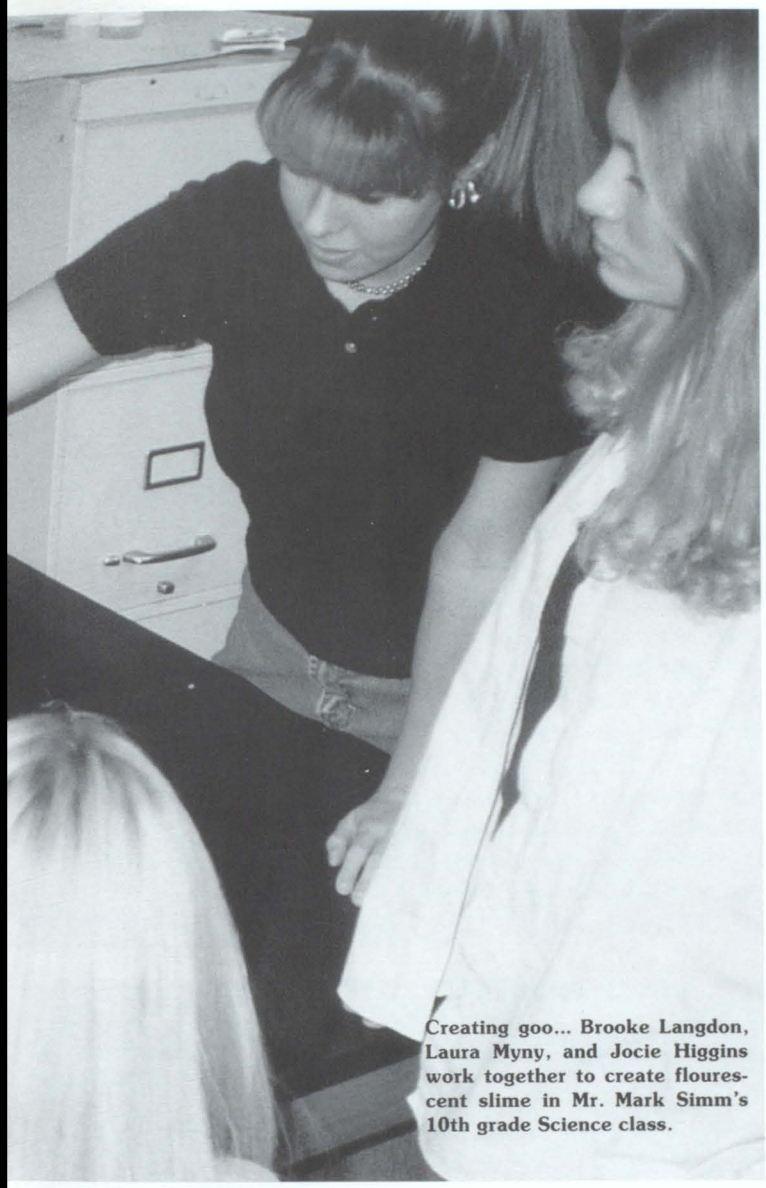




One step at a time. . . Lab partners Mike Vigneron and Ed Green learn how to properly adjust the bunsen burner in their chemistry class for further lab experiments.



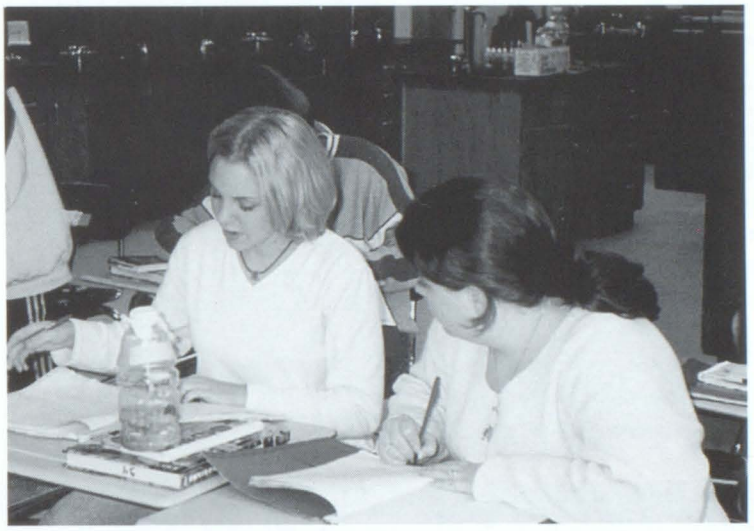
Working together. . . Working in a group with their U.S. History teacher, Ms. Kathleen Mellon, Kristin Schrader, Sean Hicks, Gail Soboleski, David Sharrow, and Ian Madeleine get their work completed with time to study for the up coming U.S. History test.



Creating goo... Brooke Langdon, Laura Myny, and Jocie Higgins work together to create flouresscent slime in Mr. Mark Simm's 10th grade Science class.

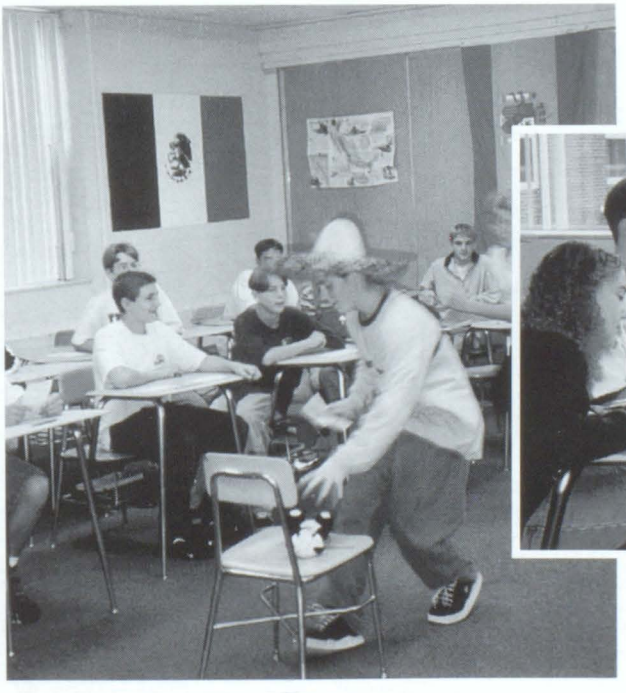


Beyond the Books. . .Mrs. Stephanie Urban helps out Troy Jackson with his geological time line project in his 9th grade Biology class.

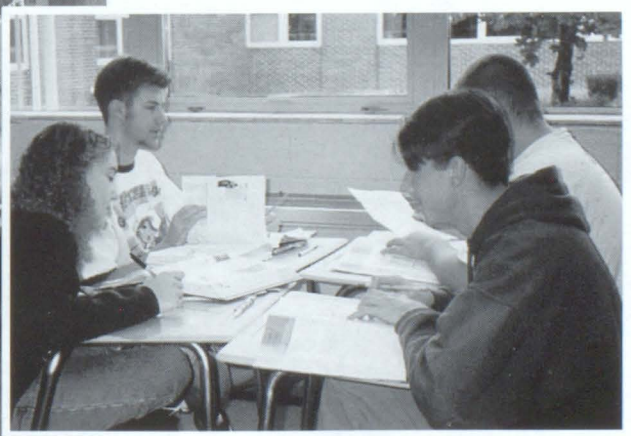


Lab partners. . . Becki Besaw and Susan Allison observe their compost pile and record their findings on the lab report for Mr. Jesse Sabo's 5th hour Environmental Science class.





Adios, Amigo. . .Russ Grafton and Eric Myers race for the teddy bear in the fast paced Spanish game called Saque el oso in their Spanish class.



Jig sawing... Tabetha Durant, Richard Zryd, Robert Klekamp and Thomas Spruytte work together to prepare a report on Clay's American System in their US History class.

The Tradition Continues

An honored tradition is the annual National Honor Society Induction Ceremony. The evening began with a few songs performed by Rainbow Connection and some words of acknowledgement from the Algonac School Board members. "It was an honor to be inducted because my boyfriend lit my candle and my best friend gave me my pin.", said senior Lisa DeLeare.

Leadership, character, scholarship, and service are the four characteristics represented by the members of NHS. Students work very hard to achieve such standards and are responsible for keeping up their grade point average of at least a 3.3. "Being a member of NHS is hard work.", said senior Jenny Papiez.

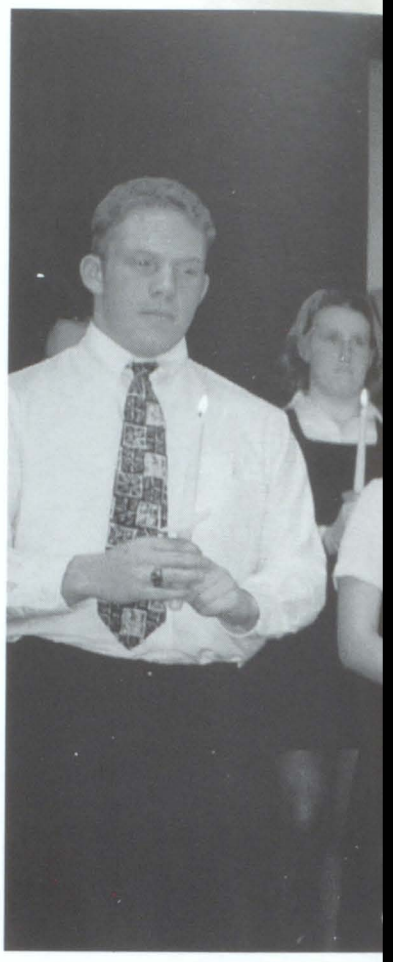
Along with good grades, students must also be involved in extracurricular activities and be a contributing member of the community. "NHS not only benefits the students, it also helps the community to become a better place.", said second year member Ray Clark.



"Being on NHS is a great honor and people should be proud to be a part of it." junior Shawn Martin

National Honor Society helps out with the River District Hospital Health O'Rama and the Red Cross blood drive, which is held every fall and spring. Students help set up equipment, take care of paperwork, and some even give blood. "I don't think that I'll do it again because I had a bruise afterwards," said Margeaux Peters.

This was the Algonac Chapter's 58th National Honor Society Induction Ceremony and the Algonac Chapter inducted 38 new members. Ms. Kathy Nist, advisor of NHS said, "I'm quite pleased to see so many new faces this year."

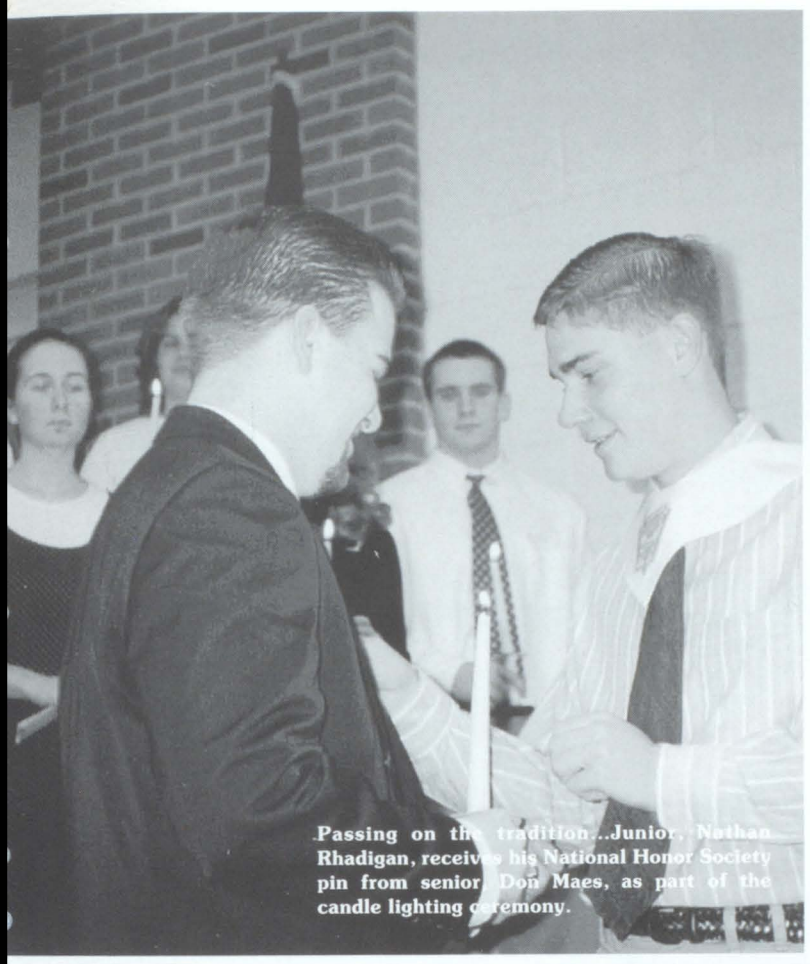




Significant certificate...Alicia Wenz receives her membership certificate from Ms. Kathy Nist after the candlelighting Ceremony.



Patiently waiting...The new inductees of the Society look on and hold their candles high as the new group continues to grow.



Passing on the tradition...Junior, Nathan Rhadigan, receives his National Honor Society pin from senior, Don Maes, as part of the candle lighting ceremony.

Getting things started...NHS President, Ben Clark, lights the Candle of Character after presenting a part of the Society's qualifications.



Beautiful music... Rainbow Connection presents a medley of songs to the audience in the beginning of the Induction Ceremony.





Lighting the way...Second year member, Nicole Quandt, carefully lights Mike Bristol's candle as other members look on.



National Honor Society *Front Row:* Carey Larabee, Lori Smith, Jennifer Papiez, Melissa Pauwels, Erica Worthen, Gary Altman, Melissa Smith, Elizabeth Dearie, Katie May, Amy Howard, Katherine Dearie, Theresa Stahl, Nicole Quandt, Julie Walters, and Jessica Zoss *Second Row:* Jason Meldrum, Megan Taylor, Rebecca Gates, Donald Maes, Michael Wright, Benjamin Clark, Valerie Monet, Shana Cadena, Chantelle Gendron, Tara Nixon, Amy Sampson, Kelly Bowles, Jodie Mackie, Richard Prudhomme, and David Minter *Third Row:* James Mertz, Christine Levitt, James Kandler, Jeffrey Arwady, Tracie Telesz, Alicia Wenz, Kristy Medrano, Sara Donaldson, Melanie Foster, Vicki Boyll, Catherine Piotrowski, Erin Rickard, and Michael Vigneron *Back Row:* Douglas Lasky, Michael Bristol, Jonathon Pitrucelle, Richard Rank, Heather Rymar, Brent Stevison, Lisa DeLaere, Sarah Nowicki, Stephanie Goral, Samuel Dobbs, Anthony D'Ambrosio, Stephanie Zryd, Shawn Martin, and Nathan Rhadigan. *Not Pictured:* Kathryn Basehore, Nicole Cameron, Raymond Clark, Amanda Hardy, Heather Hines, Kelly Langdon, Margeaux Peters, Courtney Pioszak, Francis Sampier, Kimberly Steward, Angela Wagner, Sarah Drake, Jonathan Jackel.

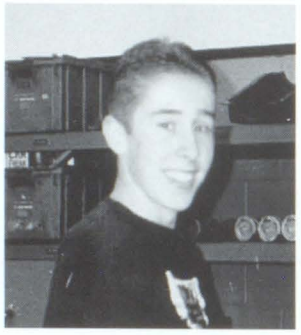
A Flash of the Future

Hearing the name TEC (Technical Education Center) one might think opportunity. TEC offers many different classes including health care, business, culinary arts, and auto mechanics.

TEC provides job skills for students who are still in school. "I went to TEC so I could learn some hands - on training and get the experience it takes to make it in the real world," said senior Willie Rohn. Many of the students who attend TEC all go for the reason of widening their job opportunities.

"If I get certified, it can count as college credits and I can make more money," said second year business student Amanda Julien. Most of the students, after meeting the requirements, are certified by the state in the program they finished. Some classes require two years but some only require one.

Co - op is another option for many students. It is on the job training where some are paid to learn. An employer based medical secretary student at a chiropractic office, Amanda Hardy said, "I learn the job and duties of a medical receptionist." A high percentage of students, if possible, do choose this path.



"I expect TEC to help me in my future because of all of the skills I've learned here." Tim Barber

In addition to the academic learning there are competitive groups. A couple include HOSA and VICA. They consist of regional and state competitions.

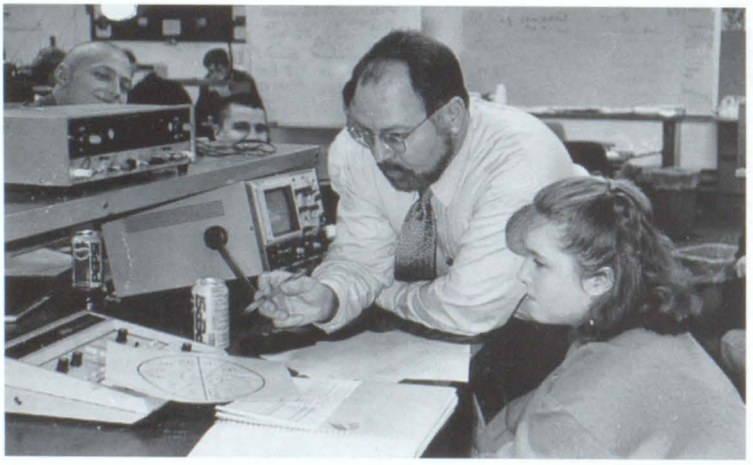
"I plan on using my skills in the future in hoping to be a medical physicians aide," said Sandy Harrington. Future plans are a big part of highschool and college. "Jason Sramek and I are going to open our own business," said Ben Coomer.

Culinary arts, food service, has a big effect on the whole building. They not only learn how to prepare different kinds of foods but serve their food to the school for snack time. "Working in the cooking area is my favorite part of class," said senior Mike Wright.

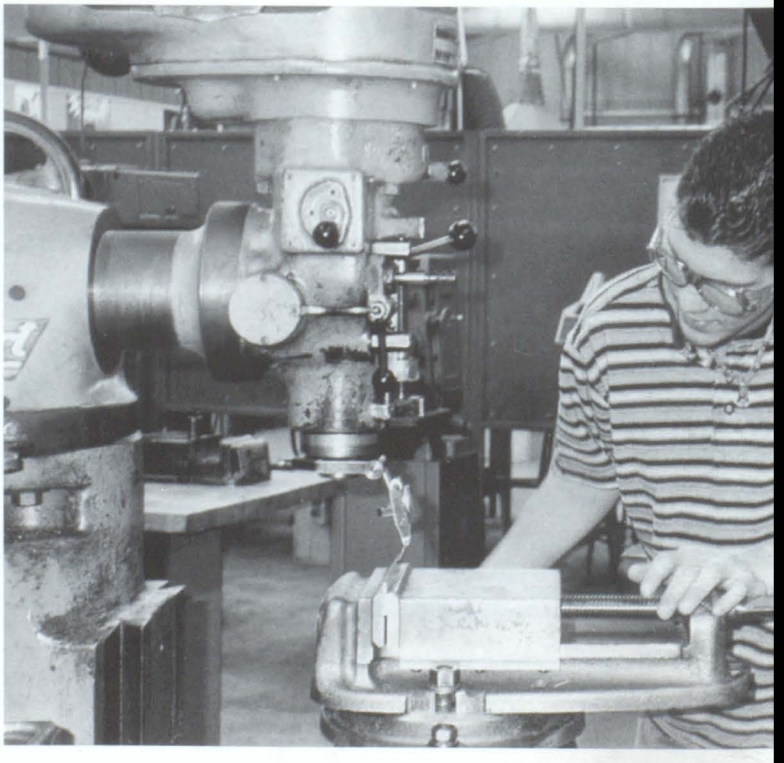
"Getting to do something other than sitting in the classroom is my favorite part of TEC," said senior Mike Bender.



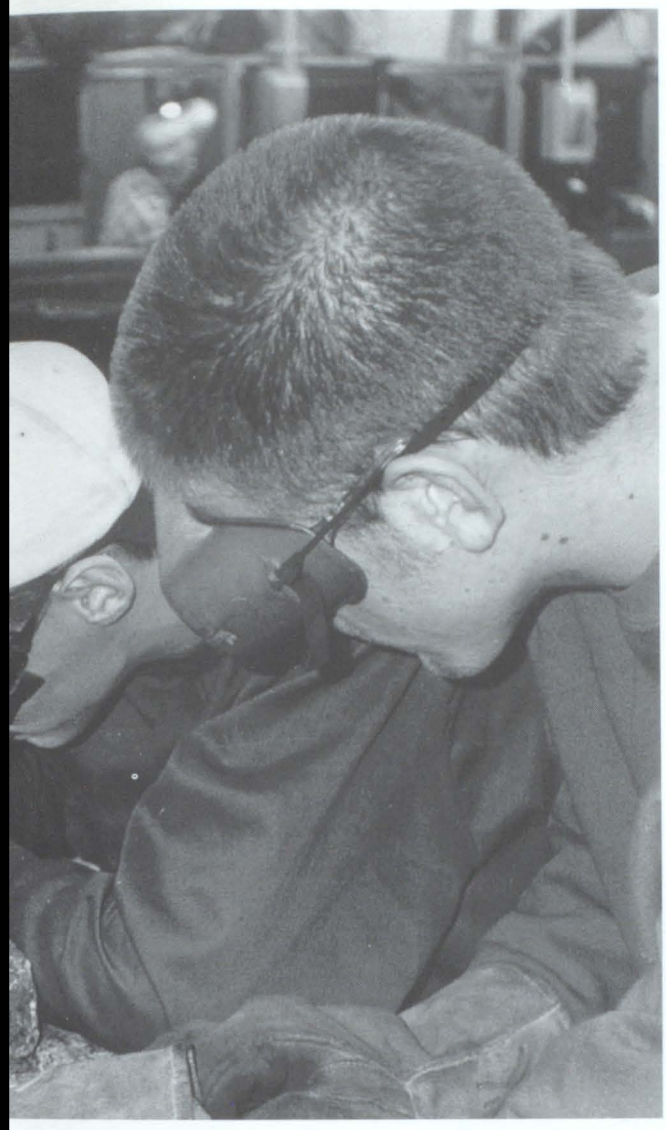
Flying sparks... Concentrating on perfection, Kevin Davis and Jon Yaroch make sparks while welding a piece of metal in welding class for their project.

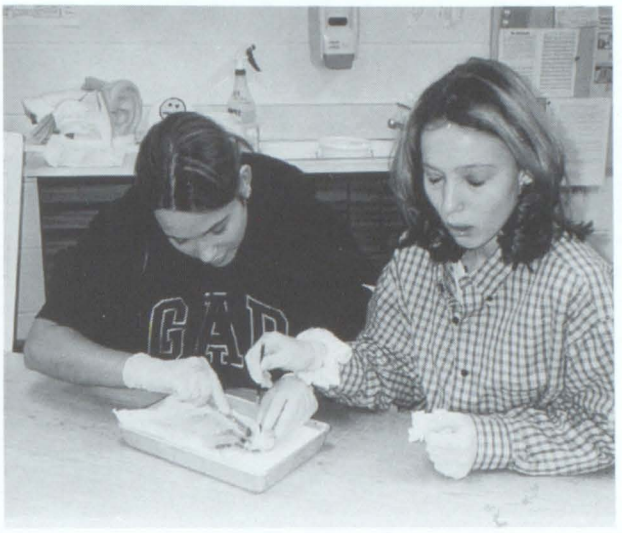


A helping hand... While working on a new project in electronics, Lauren Peck receives a little help from her teacher.



Bound and determined... Junior William Harrington lines up his vice in his metal machining class to make a straight and accurate puncture that will be used for a later project.





An eye for an eye... Senior Amber Tymczak and partner are definitely determined to disect a sheep eye in their medical - health class.

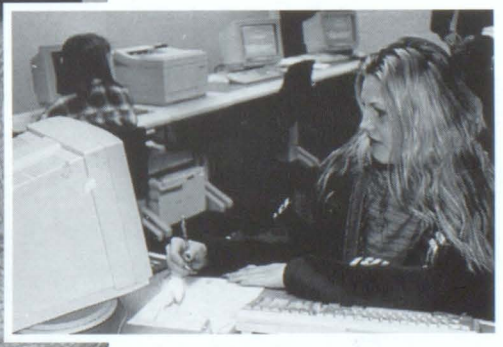


Friends forever... Kipp Gorinski and Rob Sampier, along with classmates, work with a smile while repairing a car in auto technology class.





Electrical shortage... Avoiding electric shock, Jason Maul adjusts a voltage so its not too high in electromechanics class.



Lost in thought... Finishing up some work for C.A.D., Amanda Short reviews what she has already finished on the computer.

SPORTS



The Competitive Edge



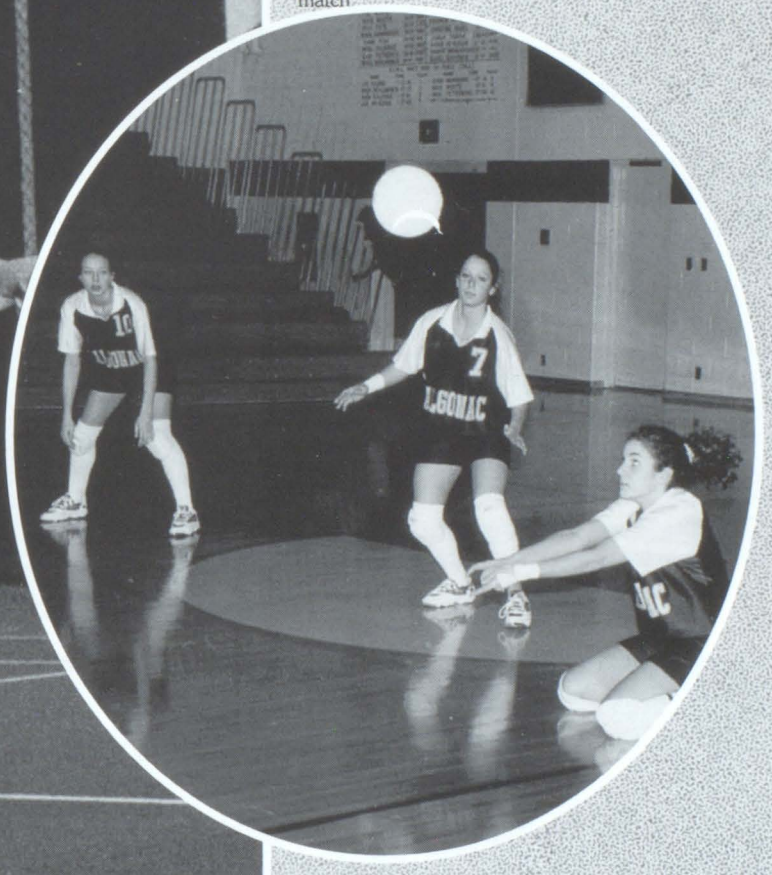
A jump for victory... Junior Sam Dobbs jumps to get the ball in an attempt to gain another Algonac Varsity Basketball victory, this time over the Mt. Clemens Bathers.

— Soccer wins MAC division title.
— Cross-Country runners dominate the MAC blue division, led by captains Rick Hornbaker, Loren Myny, Shannon Morris, and Erica Worthen.
— The Muskrat Varsity Football team breaks an 8 year losing streak against the St. Clair Saints.
— High expectations pave the road for the Equestrian team which placed 5th at states.
— New coaches lead the Girls Varsity Basketball to a first place win in the MAC league out of 35 teams.
— Palace hosts the Rats' and the Lady Rats' Basketball games.
— Freshman Girls Basketball had an impressive season with an 8-7 overall record.
— Girls Tennis took 2nd place in the St. Clair tournament.
— Summer camps provided opportunities and valuable experience for many athletes in preparation for the upcoming seasons.
— Wrestling Rats continue the winning tradition by hosting the Muskrat Tournament at Algonac High School.
— Girls J.V. Basketball team's hot streaks are leading to another successful season.
— J.V. Football team complete's another very successful season.



On the line... Algonac's defense lines hold their ground to stop the opposing team from scoring at one of the home football games.

Getting the points... Melissa Smith concentrates on the ball as she prepares to make a few points to win a Tennis match.



In the spotlight... Sophomore Danielle Eder dives for the ball to stop the opposing team from scoring in a home volleyball game as Amy Sampson stands ready to back her up.

Another Stressful Season

Varsity Football Faces Many Challenges

Facing the season with high expectations the Varsity football team overcame a lot of challenges with injuries and suspensions. Senior Captain Bobby Schrader said, " We could have won a lot more games if we had everyone."

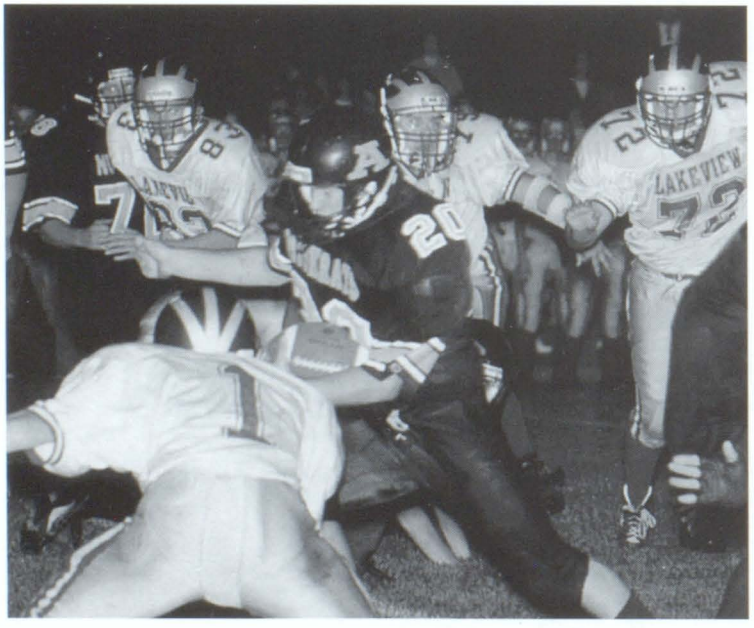
The Muskrats had two big accomplishments this season. The first one was winning their home opener and the first game of the season against Warren Lincoln 14-7. This has not been accomplished since 1992.

Then the Muskrats defeated St. Clair Saints in East China Stadium, which has not been done in eight years. The Muskrats defense was tremendous when compared to past seasons. Senior tailback,Hector DeSaedeleer, led Algonac's rushing attack with 167 yards and one touchdown, and was voted by the Times Herald Player of the Week.

Algonac's defense also played a big role by shutting down Warren Lincoln's offense once on the two yard line, and at the end of the game when it was first down on the 20 yard line with 2 minutes and 30 seconds left. In a non league competition, Varsity played a very well coached and athletic Kingston team, which was ranked number 1 in class D. The Algonac players played very well but came up short as they lost 18-8. "The players that finished the season withstood a lot adversity that I feel taught them many lessons that will help them in life. They did a great job getting though the adversity," said Varsity Head Coach Mike Sharrow. "If we had more people show up, had less complaining, had gotten the job done, and had worked together as a team, our losses would've been slim," said senior Jeff DeSot.

"Muskrats hit hard,"said Assistant Coach Sam Dobbs.





AVOIDING THE DEFENSE... Dustin Boyd tries to avoid the Lakeview defenders for extra yards.



THE "HIT SQUAD"... Seniors Chris Laux, Jason Irwin, Dustin Boyd, and Hector DeSaedeleer get ready to stop the Lakeview offense.

Varsity Football Scoreboard

Warren Lincoln	14 - 7 W
Warren Woods Tower	22- 7 L
Mt. Clemens	14- 7 L
Kingston	22- 20 L
Lakeview	26- 8 L
St. Clair	12- 10 W
Richmond	40- 6 L
South Lake	41- 40 L
Warren Fitzgerald	42- 6 L



TRYING FOR EXTRA YARDS... Hector DeSaedeleer tries to get yardage, by the help of Jeff DeSot for a first down.



Varsity Football: *Front row:* Anthony D' Ambrosio, K.J. Dandron, Shawn Martin, Todd Lang, Ben Coomer, Joe Werner, Mike Bender, Ray Clark, Jim Lanvers *Second Row:* Joe Bertrand, Dustin Boyd, Don Schweihofer, Sam Dobbs, John Gerds, Pat Long, Noah DeLange, Rob Starr, Nathan Rhadigan, Andy Boyd, Carey Larabee *Third Row:* Bobby Schrader, Hector DeSaedeleer, Fred Makinen, Zac Sharrow, Jeff DeSot, Pat Thomas, Noah Weiss, Scott Stay, Jason Irwin, Evan Jarvi *Back Row:* Coaches, Dave Kochan, Dan Salyer, Mike Sharrow, Sam Dobbs, Mark Simms, Dan Gilbertson.



TAKING 'EM DOWN... Seniors Fred Makinen, Bobby Schrader, Dustin Boyd and junior Shawn Martin team up and take down the Lakeview ball carrier.

Season Breaks Even

JV Football Has Heart & Determination

"The team showed a lot of improvement and dedication. The team improved each game. After the first two losses, the team rebounded and won 5 out of the last 6." Coach Dave Kochan



JV Football played a tough and competitive season with an overall record of 4 wins and 4 losses. Coached by Mr. Dave Kochan and Mr. Dan Gilbertson, freshmen and sophomores combined in a successful season.

On October 23, JV defeated South Lake 48-12. Anchors of the offensive line were Deric Kmetz, Clarence Ziehmer, Mike Caiger, Chuck Hines, Ted Berger and Kevin Meldrum. A defensive standout was Joe Treppa. Mike Dandron, Chris Uleski,and Sebastian Wolski each scored a touchdown. Nick Matzka said "South Lake was our best game - our first ever blowout."

On October 2, JV defeated the Lakeville Falcons 34-22. After a slow start the muskrats came back to score 28 second half points. Offensive standouts included Nick Matzka, John Henderson, Sebastian Wolski, Mike Dandron, and Jim Elliot.

On September 18, J.V. defeated Mt. Clemens 20-16. Kevin Meldrum, Sebastian Wolski, and Mike Dandron were some of the players who have a great effort. Kevin Meldrum said, "This was my best game because I scored a touchdown and a fumble recovery."

Mr. Dan Gilbertson said, "The team did very good this season considering the injuries to key players." The quarterback Nick Matzka broke his thumb in a game against St. Clair. He was out for the rest of the season. Sebastian Wolski was the quarterback for the rest of the season. Kevin Meldrum's most memorable moment: the last game seeing the last seconds running out.



Getting the tackle...Making a good defensive effort, Chris Uleski takes St. Clair's running back down.



Running around the corner...John Henderson gets a good block, as he runs for a touchdown, decreasing St. Clair's lead.



Handing the ball off... Nick Matzka hopes a running back will score a touchdown to put the Muskrats ahead.

JV Football Scoreboard

Algonac	Opponent
Warren Lincoln	26 - 28
W. W. Tower	26 - 38
Mt. Clemens	20 - 16
Lakeview	34 - 22
St. Clair	14 - 46
Richmond	Forfeit (Richmond)
South Lake	48 - 12
Warren Fitzgerald	20 - 8



Running around the defense...Sebastian Wolski stiff arms his opponent and runs for a large gain.





JV Football: *Front Row:* Dan Watson, Alan Bealieu, Paul Meldrum, Russ Grafton, Greg Walczak, Adrian D'Aogaru, Eric Schweihofer, David Bishop *Second Row:* Deric Kmetz, John Henderson, Chris Uleski, Sebastian Wolski, Tom Palmer, Matt Maloney *Third Row:* Coach Dave Kochan, Coach Dan Salyer, Eric Short, Kevin Meldrum, Nick Matzka, Ted Berger, Joe Treppa, Clarence Ziehmer, Mike Dandron, Adam LeDuc, Coach Dan Gilbertson *Back Row:* Chris Patrias, Chuck Hines, Eric May, Mike Caiger, Zach Carl

Going For The Green

First Year Varsity Team Makes It's Mark

Facing a tough season the varsity golf team placed fifth at the MAC Tournament and 20th at the SCAL Tournament. They also participated in the Gold MAC Division.

Golf is an individual sport where performance helps the team overall. Playing at the Middle Channel Golf Club on Harsens Island the team had a 1-9 record. Varsity golf team member Jeff Arpan said, "We played well when we played as a team." To achieve varsity level status, the top six scorers are chosen. The remaining golfers play on the junior varsity team.

To kick off the season the golf team hosts the annual muskrat scramble. The scramble is where there are two teams that golf against each other. They each hit their ball to the best of their ability. Then the team picks the ball that is the closest, and uses that to finish the hole. This is the very first match of the season where teams from all over the district come to participate.

"The focus of this year's golf team was to win as many matches as possible and to improve as well," said the golf team's coach Ross Brown. The coach also said, "I feel that we had a solid season, it was the first time we had a varsity team, and the kids really kept at it. The coach also stated that he was very pleased with the team's performance."

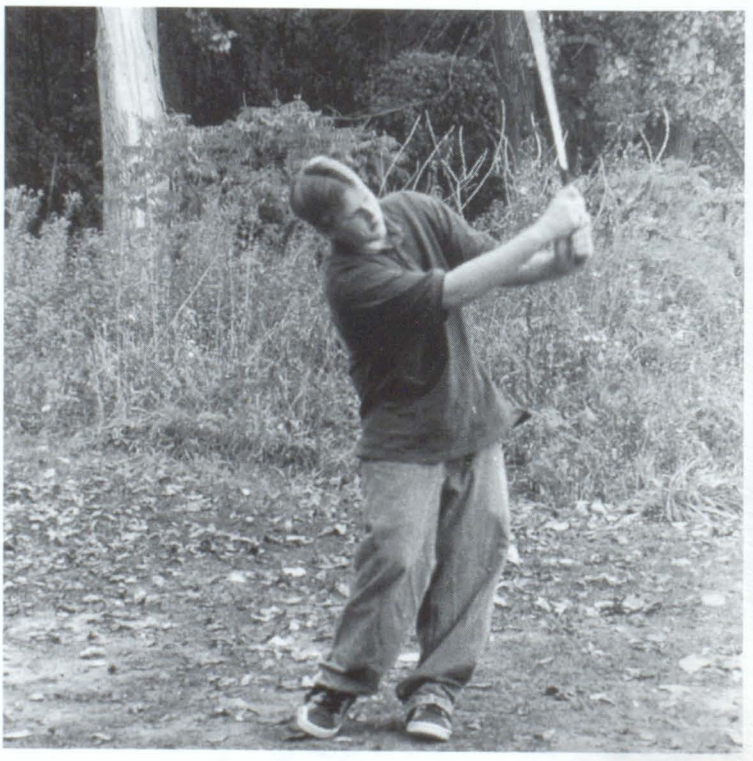
Leading the team with the best average was sophomore Joe Krum, with a low score of 42.7. Joe was also voted most improved golfer. following closely behind Joe was the captain of the golf team, junior, Mike Bristol.

Watching willfully... Coach Ross Brown said, "I was pleased with the golf team's performance. They did a good job and really kept at it. Especially because this year was the first time we have actually had a varsity golf team."





Carefully concentrating... varsity member Jeff Arpan lines up his shot to assure himself a score of under par.



Swinging for success... James Phelan watches his ball, waiting for it land, knothat it was a sure shot.

Golf Scoreboard

	Algonac	Opponent
South Lake		W 182 - 193
Cousino		L 184 - 183
Marysville		L 186 - 184
Marine City		L 190 - 181
Clintondale		L 186 - 180
Dakota		L 185 - 162
Cousino		L 179 - 172
Marysville		L 201 - 180
Marine City		L 187 - 179
Dakota		L 190 - 171

MAC 5th place
SCAL 20th place



Most improved... Joe Krum looks over his options to achieve a scor worthy of the title he has received.



Golf: *Front Row:* Joe Krum, James Murray, Stuart Wenz, Joe Muckenthaler *Back Row:* Tom Koehler, Jeff Arpan, Mike Bristol, Clayton Byerly, Tom Funke

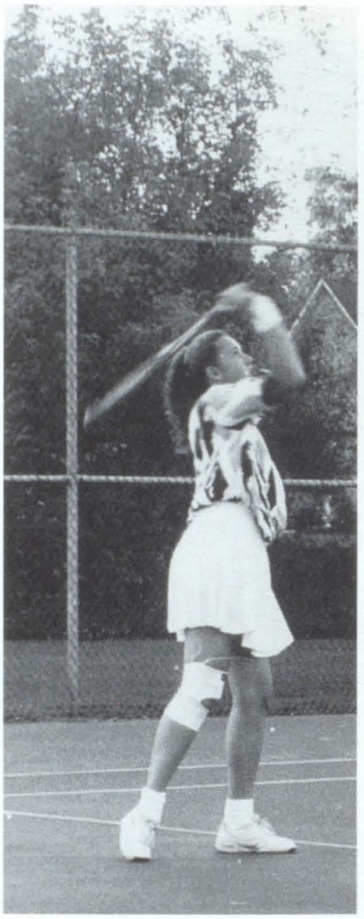


Eye on the ball... Captain of the golf team Mike Bristol demonstrates the perfect putting posture to make a precise shot.

Pick Up the PACE

Tennis Serves Up Another Season

"Tennis is a very exciting game and I can't wait until next season." -Sheri Altman



Dedication is one of the many things needed to become a good athlete. Team work and a strong spirit are also key factors to success in a season.

During the season, the team played at the St. Clair Tournament. In exciting competition, the team took second place. Individual awards were taken by second singles Sheri Altman - silver, fourth singles Marie Mitchell - silver, first doubles Amy Hutchins Laura Myny - silver, third doubles Emily Maxwell Erin Richardson - silver, fourth doubles Cheryl Claeys Crystal Mikolowski - silver. First singles Stephanie Zryd - bronze, third singles Melissa Pauwels - bronze, second doubles Adrian Richardson Melissa Smith - bronze.

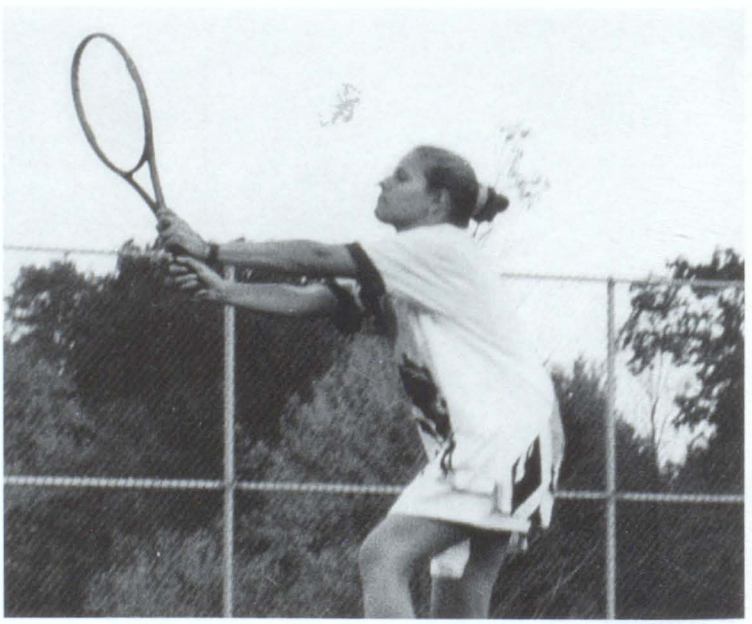
One of the many highlights of the season was the meet against Armada. This was a very competitive game where 5 - 3 set matches were played. With the final score ending 4 - 4, Algonac held 96 matches Armada 84. " The girls from Armada were really cool. They were a very competitive and a good spirited team," said Laura Myny.

The team went on to finish the season with a 3 - 8 record. "The game is all in your head. I feel it was hard playing singles because it is a very individual sport," said Melissa Pauwels. The team competed against many challenging teams including Marysville, Imlay City, and Fitzgerald.

"I feel that this year's team was one of the best yet. The girls were very spirited, hardworking, dedicated, and showed a lot of sportsmanship," said Coach Paula Page Johnson.



In the ready position... Adrian Richardson and Melissa Smith carefully await their opponents serve.



Out of position but over the net... Megan Wesch returns the serve.

Girls Varsity Tennis Scoreboard

East Detroit	5-2
Southlake	4-4
Warren Woods Tower	5-3
Armada	4-4
Clintondale	8-0
Dakota	7-1
Imlay City	6-2
Marysville	8-0
Lakeview	4-4
Fitzgerald	8-0
Armada	6-2



Hello Ladies... While introducing themselves the tennis team eagerly awaits the game.



Girls Varsity Tennis: *Front Row:* Marie Fontana, Amy Hutchins, Stephanie Zryd, Melissa Pauwels, Erin Richardson. *Second Row:* Laura Myny, Melissa Smith, Tina Schulte, Kelly Charlesworth, Cheryl Claeys, Emily Maxwell. *Third Row:* Coach Paula Page Johnson, Michelle Drabant, Sheri Altman, Adrian Richardson, Megan Wesch, Crystal Mikolowski.



Fighting back... Emily Maxwell swiftly returns the ball to her opponent.



"It was a great season the girls lived up to most of their expectations, and I was pleased with the boys and how they stepped up."
— Coach Roger Avers

Going the Distance

Cross Country Runs to Victory



On his way to victory... Rick Hornbaker leads the pack at the Shamrock Invitational.

Award winning tradition continues. Cross Country runners dominated the MAC Blue Division. Cross Country teams, coached by Roger Avers started practicing in late June.

The boys had a pretty tough season. Led by captains Rick Hornbaker and Lawrence Myny, the season ended with an overall record of 9-2. They came up short against two very tough teams Marysville, and Eisenhower. The boys took 2nd place in the MAC Blue division, and placed 6th at the State Regonal. Lawrence Myny and Rick Hornbaker qualified to the State Finals. Rick Hornbaker earned All-State honors by placing 23rd. Lawrence Myny placed 182 out of 280 runners.

Led by captains Shannon Morris and Erica Worthen, the girls had an outstanding season record of 10-1, losing only to the very strong class A Port Huron Northern. The girls placed first in the MAC Blue division, and took runner-up honors at the State Regional. By taking second at the regional, the entire team qualified to the finals. It was a very muddy day at the State Finals, but the girls ran a tough race and placed 24th.

Running 3.2 miles takes a lot of hard work, dedication, and sacrifice. Josh Burr said, "The thing I like about cross country is the feeling of being part of something, the personal benefits and the rewards it gives you."

Coach Roger Avers said: "The season went better than I thought it would, I enjoyed seeing the boys willingness to work."



Boys Cross Country: *Back Row:* Coach Roger Avers, Mario Moscone, Josh Burr, Jeremy Gohl, Shane Trempler, Brian McCullough *Front Row:* Rick Hornbaker, Robbie Bryson, Loren Myny, Jeremy Woolcock, Chris Zamborowski, Matt Bruce.



Girls Cross Country: *Back Row:* Shannon Morris, Justine Raymond, Coach Roger Avers, Cathy Piotrowski, Robin Hornbaker *Second Row:* Susan Peterson, Carla Tabor, Chantelle Gendron, Sandy Harrington, Erica Worthen *Front Row:* Joy Morris, Crystal Billiu

Cross Country Scoreboard



CROSS COUNTRY

OPPONENT	GIRLS	BOYS
Anchor Bay	W 19 - 40	W 24 - 33
P.H.Northern	L 30 - 25	W 27 - 28
Marysville	W 19 - 44	L 25 - 30
Center Line	W 15 - 50	W 15 - 48
L.C.North	W 15 - 50	W 15 - 50
Lakeshore	W 21 - 40	W 15 - 48
Clintondale	W 15 - 50	W 15 - 50
Eisenhower	W 24 - 32	L 35 - 23
St.Clair	W 19 - 45	W 28 - 38
W.W.Tower	W 16 - 47	W 19 - 42
Roseville	W 15 - 50	W 15 - 50
overall	10 - 1	9 - 2
Invitationals		
Cross-Lex Inv	1st	3rd
Muskrat Classic	1st	4th
Anchor Bay Inv	2nd	1st
Shamrock Inv	4th	5th
Center Line Inv	1st	4th
Marysville Inv	2nd	4th
Port Huron Inv	2nd	3rd
MAC Blue Div.	1st	2nd
Regionals	2nd	6th
	24th	

Sticking together... Carla Tabor, Justine Raymond, Sandy Harrington, and Susan Peterson helped run away with the MAC league championship.



Victory is sweet... Boys and girls cross country teams pose for a picture after a successful day at the Center Line Invitational.



Running side by side... Brian McCullough, Jeremy Woolcock, Jeremy Gohl, Robbie Bryson, Josh Burr, and Matt Bruce helped lead the way to victory against St Clair.

High Hopes

Steppin' Up To A New Level

With new coaches and a second year of MAC competition, the girls varsity team led by head Coach Al Latosz and assistant Coach Bob Enne have made a noticeable turn around. The team is ranked first place in defense in the MAC out of 35 teams. They averaged only 35 points per game given up. This defense has led to 11.1 steals per game. "The heart of the team is our defense" said center Sarah Nowicki.

For the first time here, the girls basketball team played at the Palace before a Piston's game. The opposing team (Warren Mott) came on strong and won the battle. Melissa Trempler said, "Playing at the Palace was a really cool experience."

"None of us are selfish, we don't care who gets the glory as long as we win," said Kim Steward. This is why the Lady Rats beat Lakeview, the number one ranked team in the MAC Gold. Sophomore, Erika Martin said, "We know each other well so the communication is really good. The team also beat Lakeshore which is another highly ranked team. They won in the final seconds with Amy Howard's three point buzzer beater, final score 54-51."

There were many awards given to the girls. Some of these awards included: 110% Award given to Kim Steward and Amy Howard, the positive attitude award given to Shana Cadena, and the coaches award given to Megan Taylor. The co-captains of the team were seniors Melissa Trempler, Amy Howard, Megan Taylor, and Kim Steward.

Wide Open... Megan Taylor sets herself up for the open shot.





Girls Varsity Basketball: *Front Row:* Melissa Trempler, Amy Sampson, Amy Howard, Alicia Wenz *Back Row:* Head Coach Bob Enne, Megan Taylor, Shana Cadena, Katie Atherton, Sarah Nowicki, Sara Donaldson, Kim Steward, Niki Duvernay, Assistant Coach Al Latosz



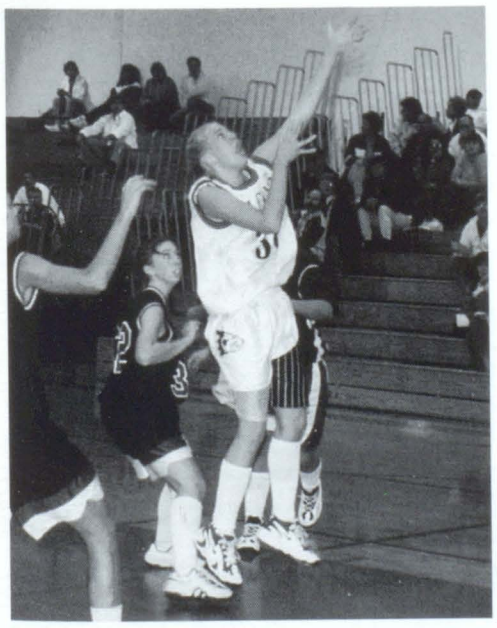
Dribble, Pass, Shoot... Amy Howard sets up the offense as she heads down the court.

Girls Varsity Basketball



Girls Varsity Basketball	
Marine City	L 50-25
Roseville	L 51-18
Anchor Bay	L 24-19
South Lake	L 36-31
Centerline	L 36-23
Clintondale	W 54-18
Lakeview	L 40-35
Warren Mott	L 36-31
Dakota	L 48-17
Lakeshore	W 36-33
Fitzgerald	L 46-23
Lincoln	W 44-42
South Lake	L 46-23
Centerline	L 39-34
Clintondale	W 60-29
Lakeview	W 51-40
Lake Shore	W 51-48
Mott	L 34-29
Fitzgerald	W 32-23
Lincoln	L 39-24
District Finals	
St.Clair	L 48-23

Let's get ready to rumble... The lady rats get ready for a great game at the Palace of Auburn Hills.



Movin' on up... Melissa Trempler breaks through the defense for an easy lay-up.



Bombs Away... Sarah Nowicki fires a shot from the free throw line.



Going up strong... Sara Donaldson attempts a lay-up with a defender in her face.

Defense Wins Games

Hot Streaks Lead to Success

"As the season came to an end, we started to pull together as a team."-Jessica Baumgartner



At the beginning of their season the Lady Rats had to adjust to their first year coach, Mr. Steve Modrjewski. Kristin Schrader said, "I like him because he wants us to have fun and he coached us to win a decent amount of games." Unlike last years all sophomore team, this years J.V. team had a mix. A junior and two freshman round out the eleven player team. Freshman, Libby Dobbs said, "I'm glad I got moved up and could help the team."

The second year in the MAC, Macomb Area Conference, proved to be another success. The J.V.'s record was 10 wins and 10 losses overall. In the MAC they had 8 wins and 8 losses. During the '97 fall season the rats had many hot streaks. One streak included wins against Anchor Bay, Southlake, and Centerline. In the game vs. Centerline, Algonac won 39-30. Carmen Goerlich led all scorers with 20 points, while Jessica Baumgartner added 8 points. Later in the season the J.V. went on another three game winning streak against Warren Fitzgerald, Warren Lincoln, and Southlake. The rats beat Southlake 45 to 32. Freshman, Libby Dobbs, led all scorers with 19 points.

Heather Durkee described the team as being "defensive." Defense was stressed a lot in practice and games. It was a key benefit to their winning games. Coach Mo said, "Defense is the key to winning all basketball games, if you play good defense you'll win 8 out of 10 games." "We became a team as the season progressed," said Rachael Petre.



Junior Varsity Basketball: *Front Row:* Erika Martin, Jessica Baumgartner, Krystal Brisse, Carmen Goerlich, Jessica Bark *Back Row:* Dori Glaze, Heather Durkee, Coach Steve Modrjewski, Kristin Schrader, Melody Love



A Surge Ahead... Looking down the court for an open teammate is Libby Dobbs.

JV Girls Basketball Scoreboard

	Algonac	Opponent
Marine City		L 13 - 54
Roseville		L 31 - 48
Anchor Bay		W 42 - 24
Southlake		W 43 - 19
Centerline		W 39 - 30
Clintondale		L 25 - 51
Lakeview		L 17 - 41
Warren Mott		L 32 - 53
Dakota		W 28 - 26
Lakeshore		L 43 - 50
Fitzgerald		W 37 - 28
Lincoln		W 38 - 29
Southlake		W 45 - 32
Centerline		W 51 - 44
Clintondale		L 49 - 61
Lakeview		L 19 - 45
Warren Mott		L 29 - 44
Lakeshore		W 33 - 31
Fitzgerald		L 22 - 35
Lincoln		W 46 - 42



Putting it up strong... Melody Love looks to draw a foul from a Warren Lincoln team member.



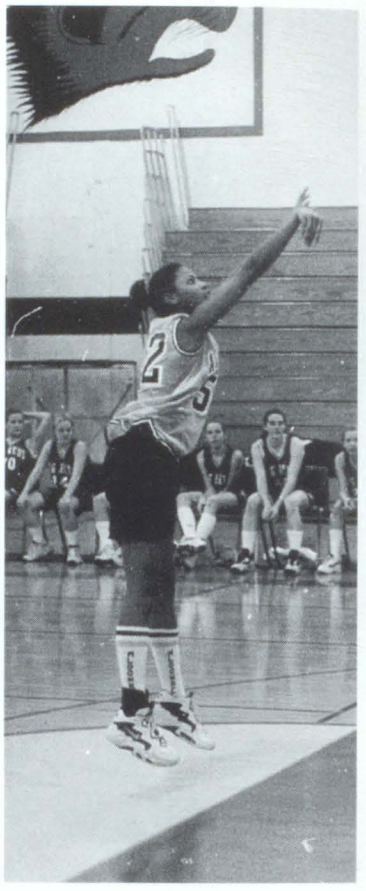
Shooting For Two... Kristin Schrader shoots a short jumper against Warren Lincoln.



Speaking His Words... First year coach, Steve Modrjewski, talks to his team during a time out.

Just Shoot It

Freshman Basketball Shines Against Tough Opponents



Solid as a rock... Tinesha Tierney shoots a free throw in hopes of scoring more points for the team.

"The best part of being on the basketball team is working together and encouraging each other",said Mary Kovich.

With an overall season of 8-7, the 9th grade girls basketball team had an impressive season. Strong games dominated the fall, beginning with the season opener where the Muskrats clobbered Anchor Bay 41 to 18. Libby Dobbs and Rachel Petre led the scoring in this game.

Refusing to be defeated, the girls continued to win their next three games. These games included victories against Imlay City, Port Huron, and Richmond. Center Tinesha Tierney said: "I think that my position is easy. The ball just kind of falls in my hands."

October 3rd was the evening of one of girl's rare loses. The St. Clair Saints won the game on a three pointer with a final score of 35-32. Kristen Rank was the high scorer for this game with an amazing 10 points which also included a three pointer. "St. Clair was probably the toughest team that we had to play against", said guard Jessica Walters.

Three more victories against Anchor Bay, Imlay City, and Richmond, and only one defeat finished off the girl's successful season. Against Imlay City, the final score was 46 -18 with Libby Dobbs as high scorer. In a tight contest, Port Huron fell to the Muskrats 36-31. Mary Kovich led the team with 14 points. Richmond also met defeat against the girls. In this game, Mary Kovich and Kristin Rank led the team.

"It was a real successful season. The girl's did a really good job." said coach Sue Rank.



Aiming to shoot...As Lindsey Meldrum makes a strong move for basket, Tinesha Tierney awaits the rebound.



Freshmen Girls Basketball: *Front Row:*Nicky Smith,Nikki Prior, Elyse Packard, Aimee Pearson, Jessica Walters, *Second Row:*Renee Hornbaker, Kristen Rank, Libby Dobbs, Lindsey Meldrum, Tinesha Tierney, Rachel Petre, Mary Kovich, Erin Jarvi, and coach Sue Rank

Freshmen Girl's Basketball Scoreboard

Algonac	Opponent
Anchor Bay	41-18
Imlay City	46-18
Marysville	34-37
Port Huron Northern	34-23
Port Huron	36-31
Richmond	27-19
Lakeview	31-33
St. Clair	32-35
Anchor Bay	30-14
Imlay City	36-23
Marysville	32-33
Port Huron Northern	15-53
Port Huron	31-36
Richmond	39-26
St. Clair	34-44



Eyeing the basket... Kristen Rank works to receive the ball as Elyse Packard looks and passes to her teammate in the zone.





Determined to score... Mary Kovich moves her way around her opponent and goes in for a lay-out.

Reaching for the top... Center Tinesha Tierney soars for rebound.

Soccer Kicks Back

Team Wins Division Title

"Soccer was fun this year. I liked winning the league." -Allen Chawn.



Winning the MAC League was a great way to end the last season as a club sport.Next year, soccer will no longer be a club, but will be considered a varsity sport.

Soccer finished the season with a record of 5 wins, 8 losses and 5 ties. The team took first place in the MAC. In the league, the team went up against Marysville, St. Clair and Marine City. They tied Marysville twice, beat Marine City twice and tied St. Clair once and beat them once. Rick Prudhomme said: "It was different playing all the new teams this year in the MAC, unlike last year when we only played six games." One of the wins over Marysville enabled the team to advance to the District finals.

Coach Rick Prudhomme Sr. said: "They really pulled through as a team. Almost everyone had a goal for this year. We had someone from each grade score a goal."

Rick Rank led the team in scoring with 13 goals. Rick Prudhomme led the team with assists with 23. All League MAC honors went to Mike Vigneron, Rick Rank, and Rick Prudhomme. At the banquet, Mike Vigneron, Tom Belemonti, Marty Belemonti, Russ McCone and Rick Prudhomme all received medals voted on by the team. The key game for the team this year was the win in overtime in districts against Marine City. In that game Rick Prudhomme had two goals and Aaron Fritz had one goal. Rick's second goal came in overtime to put Marine City away. With that win they went on to the second round of districts.



Rocketman... Nick Duprey jumps into action during the Lakeshore game.



Give me a break... Players take five from playing in the game against Marine City.

Boys Soccer Scoreboard

Marysville	T 2-2
St.Clair	W 1-0
Warren Fitzgerald	L 2-1
Marysville	T 2-2
Southlake	T 2-2
St.Clair	T 2-2
Cousino	T 0-0
Dakota	L 3-0
Mt.Clemens	L 6-3
Roseville	L 3-0
Marine City	W 11-2
Grosse Pointe North	L 4-0

DISTRICT FINALS

Marine City	W 2-3
Marysville	W 2-7
Mt.Clemens	L 2-1



Faking him out... Rick Prudhomme busts a move on a Lake Shore defender.



Give and Go... Mike Vigneron passes the ball to teammate Kevin Vistisen.



Boys Varsity Soccer: *Front Row:*Kevin Vistisen, Rick Prudhomme, Tom Belemonti, Brent Stevison, Clint Grant, Rick Rank, Marty Belemonti, Gary Haack. *Back Row:* Allen Chwan, Jeff Pyszora, Mike Vigneron, Eddie Green, Aaron Fritz, Tom Weatherdon, Frank Cataldi, Jon Pitrucelle.

Horsing Around

Another Successful Season

"I was glad to see all the riders and their horses pull through together as a team." — Mike Mastej



The equestrian team had a very exciting season. After winning districts, the team placed fifth at states. They were somewhat upset about only placing fifth at states because they expected to take first.

Some of the people on the team became involved in the team because they have had a love for horses since they were little. "I became involved after watching my older sister, Andrea who was on the team for two years," said Megan Taylor.

Unlike most teams, the equestrian team doesn't practice together. "Most of us practice all year long by ourselves," said senior Erin McNeely.

Team events were held at the Goodells Fair Grounds, Armada Fair Grounds and at Elaine Wolfe's house. Freshman Carla Tabor said: "I became involved with the team because I enjoy riding horses and I knew the team had been good in the past years."

The coach of the equestrian team is Jane Sylvester and assistant coach is Andrea Taylor. Coach Jane Sylvester owns many horses and also owns her own horse farm. "She did a great job getting us ready for states and our meets this year," said Carla Tabor.

The equestrian team became a school related sport about four years ago when Mr. Mike Taylor started the team.

Senior Misty Harvey's most memorable moment at states was, "When my shoe got caught on the out gate, and ripped a whole in my new Nikes and I almost fell off my horse."



Equestrian: *Front Row:* Jenny Lenik, Erin McNeely, Carla Tabor, Megan Taylor *Back Row:* Megan Morrow, Mike Mastej, Misty Harvey



Anxiously waiting in the line up... Megan Morrow and Carla Tabor are ready for the big announcement on the places they took.



Standing proud... Megan Taylor poses with her horse before the big event.

Patiently waiting... Carla Tabor anticipates her bare back Championship class at the State Champ show.





Whoa Magic... Erin McNeely and her horse Ms. Magic stop suddenly in the designated square after racing down and back to the end of the arena, adding five more points to the team's already undefeated score.



Take it to the limit... Mike Mastej reaches towards Erin McNeely so she can hand him the baton and win the two-person relay race. Erin and Mike ended up winning this intense event at the State Championship Show.



Life in the fast lane... Mike Mastej participates in the speed and action race.

Above and beyond...Jackie Hoover, Sarah Prudhomme, and Amanda Puranen lift Margeaux Peters into a split lift at the Marine City competition.



Competitions... After a tough competiton at the Marine City Invitational, the Varsity Squad waits with the cheerleaders from the other area schools for the awards presentation. The squad took fourth place at this competition. Competition is another element to cheerleading besides motivating spirit at the games.





Varsity Football Cheerleaders:*First Row:* Sarah Prudhomme, Amanda Hardy, Annie Rockwood, Margeaux Peters, Courtney Pioszak *Second Row:* Amanda Puranen, Nicole Stevens Enne, Coach Sue Zelenock, Teressa Zelenock, Sarah Keller. *Back Row:* Jessica Houf, Katy Basehore, Nicole Cameron, Sarah Drake and Jackie Hoover



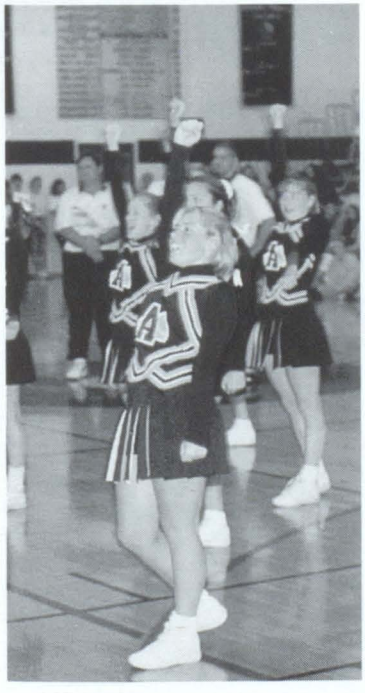
Varsity Basketball Cheerleaders:*First Row:* Jackie Hoover, Amanda Hardy, Sarah Prudhomme, Margeaux Peters *Second Row:* Sarah Keller, Nicole Stevens Enne, Annie Rockwood, Amanda Puranen *Back Row:* Jessica Houf, Nicole Cameron, Coach Sue Zelenock, Courtney Pioszak, and Teressa Zelenock.

It's Awesome Baby!

Varsity Cheerleaders Stick Together Through a Challenging Year

In good spirits...Courtney Pioszak cheers at one of the Muskrats home football games.





V-I-C-T-O-R-Y...Annie Rockwood helps lead the victory cheer during one of the pep assemblies.

"The best part of cheerleading is that we all laugh a lot and have fun together as a team," said third year member Courtney Pioszak. Working well together really helped the year run a lot smoother.

Every year the cheerleaders go to Champion Cheerleading Camp at Alma College for five days. This year they were in the Beast category which is the most difficult.

While at camp, they worked on new cheers, chants, and skills for the upcoming year. They also learned a dance which included material from camp in combination with a little creativity. After three years of hard work at camp, they were finally awarded a megaphone. This was voted on by all the teams at camp for the team with the most sportsmanship.

There are three rounds in competition. The first being skills where you need five different skills such as the splits and an eight count precision drill. The second is a floor cheer and the third is a stunt cheer.

Being a cheerleader can be stressful especially if your captain." At times it seemed that the practices were unbearable and we couldn't put up with another stunt, but we've made it through and I'll never forget all the lessons I've learned and times we've shared," says Nicole Cameron. Captains throughout the year were Annie Rockwood, Courtney Pioszak, Amanda Hardy and Nicole Cameron.

The varsity cheerleaders worked very hard as a team and learned many new things. The season was stressful but it was a very memorable one.



Go Muskrats...the cheerleaders pep up the crowd at a home fooball game against Warren Lincoln.

Showing spirit... Sarah Cooper leads on the J.V. football team with a smile.

Smiling with spirit... Kelly Zelenock leads the crowd in a spirit raising cheer.









J.V. Football Cheerleaders...*Front row,* Tara Nixon, Kelly Zelenock, *Second row,* Heather Castle, Jennifer Schuch, Melissa Reilly, *Third row,* Amy Burr, Samantha Hallman, *Fourth row,* assistant coach Dale Smith, Tracie Cole, Coach Theresa Lenczewski.



Leading on the crowd ...The J.V. Football Cheerleaders pump up the crowd and help get the fans into the game.

J.V. Cheerleaders

Take on the spirit of Algonac



Raising spirit... the J.V. cheerleaders preform a cheer for the football crowd.

Being a cheerleader requires a lot of hard work and dedication. Cheerleaders help support and motivate the teams they cheer for. It takes a lot of effort and esteem to help raise school spirit, but this years J.V. cheerleaders did so.

"Spirit is a great need in all sports, it helps get the team more enthused and motivated to win the game and thats why I feel we need spirit," said Jenae Ferrell. Spirit is a main element in support and encouragement of an athlete and his game.

Being a cheerleader involves a lot more than just leading the fans in cheers at the games. Cheerleading is a sport involving a lot of physical activity, it is also the only sport that requires support from the crowd. Many people feel that cheerleading is not a sport, but with all of the effort and work put in to it, the squad feels it is. "I feel that cheerleading is a sport just like any other. We go to practices like everyone else and It is just as much work as any other sport," said Tinesha Tierney.

The junior varsity squad has taken on many challenges. In addition to practices every day, the members of the squad are beginning to work towards competition cheers. "We have worked our hardest and put everything we have into these cheers ," said Sarah Cooper. The team is judged on technique, skill, stunts, and creativity. They came in fourth at Eisenhower cheering competition.

As the squad comes together, the girls work towards building more spirit at games as well as working on their skills in this challenging sport.



Right on count... the J.V. squad cheers together to rev up the crowd during a time out at a home J.V. basketball game.



J.V. Basketball Cheerleaders...*Front row,* Elyse Packard, Jenae Ferrell, *Second row,* Kelly Zelenock, Sarah Cooper, Tara Nixon, *Third row,* Jessica Mackie, Heather Castle, Tinesha Tierney, Melissa Reilly, Amy Burr, *Forth row,* assistant coach Dale Smith, Sarah Drake, Coach Theresa Lenczewski.

Boys Varsity Basketball

New Haven	74	65	W
Anchor Bay	56	45	W
Clintondale	56	65	L
Imaly City	71	72	L
Richmond	44	25	W
W.W. Tower	53	41	W
Mt. Clemons	59	54	W
Cousino	48	55	L
St. Clair	46	59	L
Mt. Clemons	57	51	W
Marine City	26	36	L
Richmond	49	45	W
Marysville	50	66	L
Clintondale	50	65	L
Imaly City	35	60	L
Southlake	71	55	W
Cousino	45	52	L
St. Clair	54	52	W
Marine City	37	39	L
Marysville	45	58	L
Tournament St. Clair	38	61	L

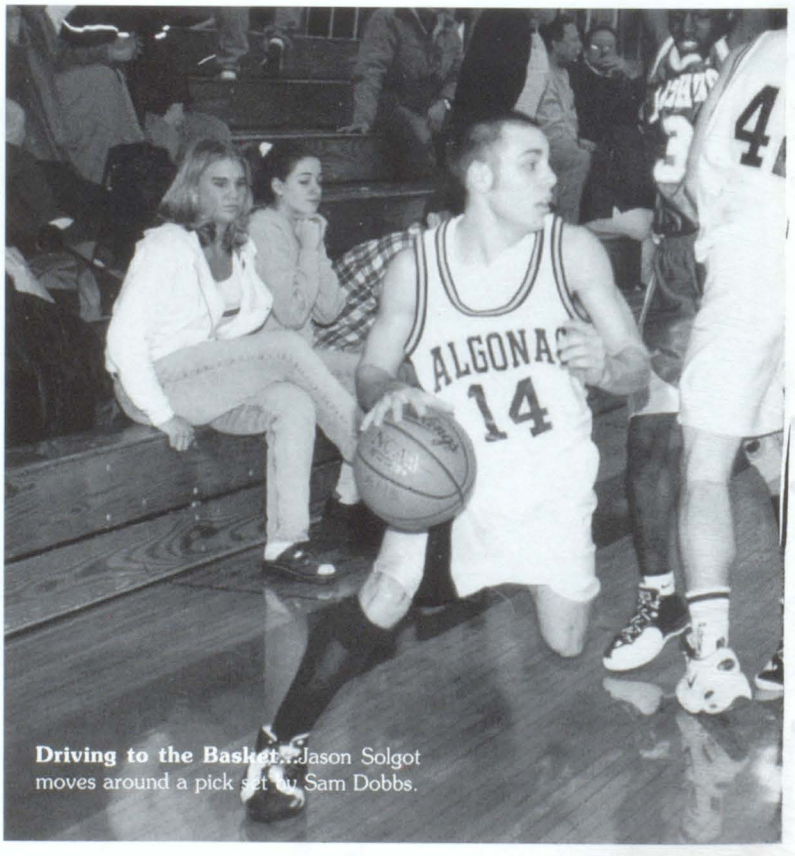
"We've had a fair share of ups and downs, but we stayed together and regrouped well" said Senior Nathan Maroney.



Strong to the Hoop... Bobby Schrader gets a easy two points.



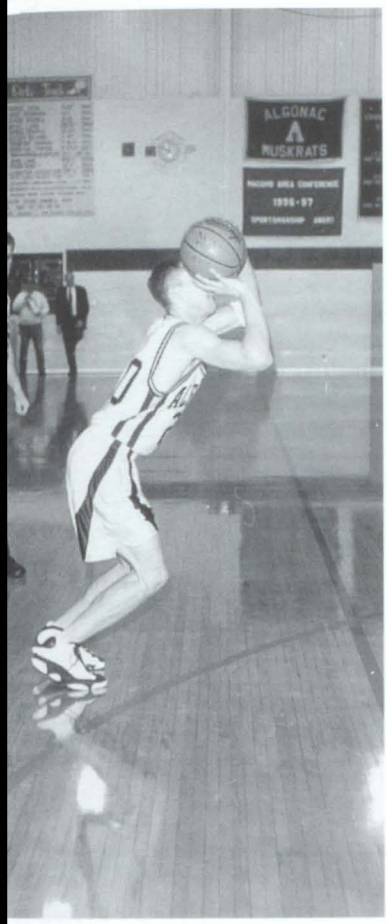
Up and Over...Jason Meldrum shoots over a Mt. Clemons defender for two points. The team went on to beat the Bathers.

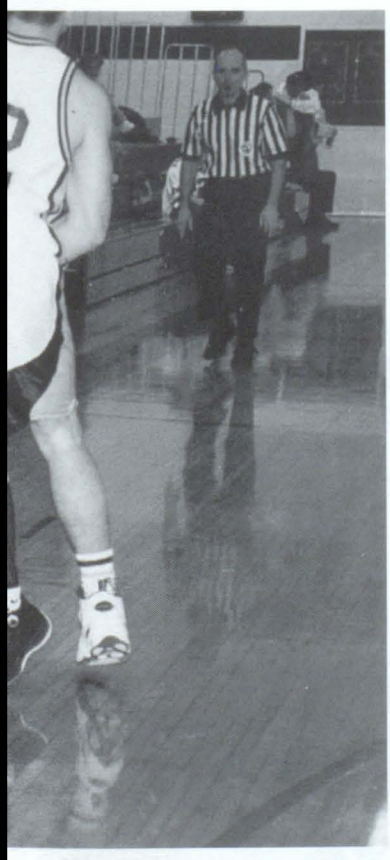


Driving to the Basket...Jason Solgot moves around a pick set by Sam Dobbs.

Shooting Hoops...

Varsity Basketball Seeks Title





In a season filled with strong games and few challenges, the Varsity Basketball team was a force to be reckoned with.

The season began on a high note as the team defeated Class A Anchor Bay 56-45. In another tough game, the team also defeated Warren Woods Tower 53-41.

Going against another tough team, the Varsity defeated Mt. Clemons 57-51. Sam Dobbs led the team with 16 points this night and Nathan Maroney with 14.

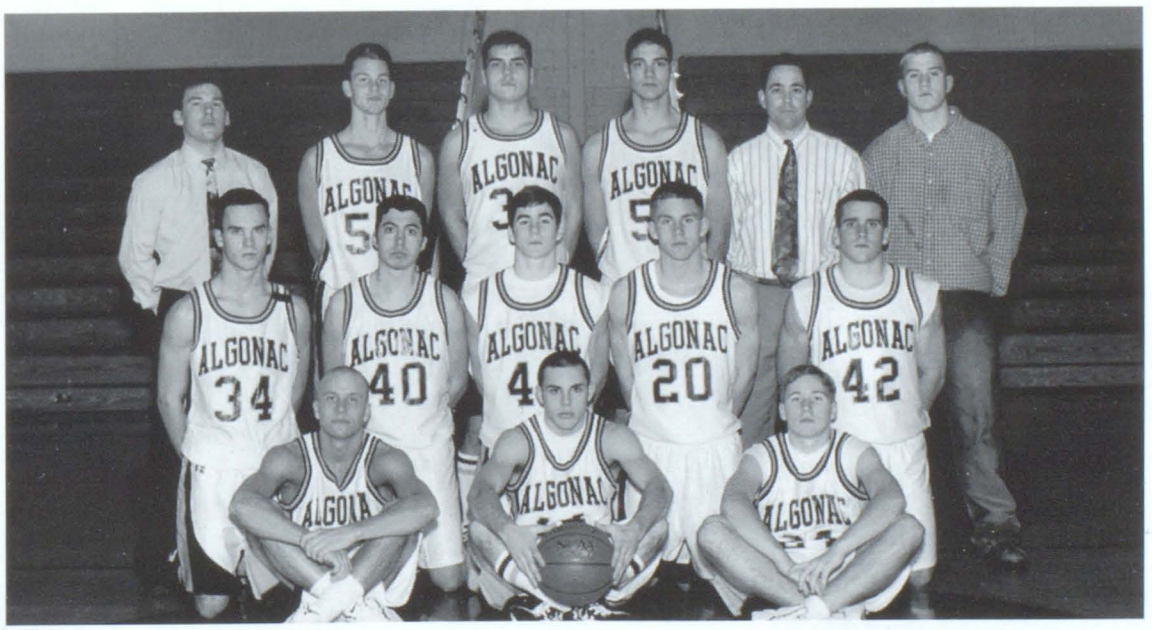
"We've struggled at times this year, but we have a lot of talent so we know that we can play with the best of them," said senior Jason Meldrum.

Coach Bob Enne said, "I'm very proud of the team this year. The team is very young, but they are working well together."

The team is doing very well this year since they have been troubled with a series of injuries. They lost a couple of key players early in the season but were able to get them back at the end of the year. This year the team has a shot to win the district title. Nathan Maroney said, "I try not to think about a championship! I just concentrate on the present."

The team has set a number of goals this year. Jason Solgot said "We want to finish the season with a winning record and to win districts, and we think that we can do that".

The team will end the year with St. Clair at home and Marine City away and the last game of the season at Marysville. They can end the year with a winning record for the first time since 1990.



Varsity Boys Basketball...*Front Row:* Jason Meldrum, Jason Solgot, Brent Gossett. *Middle Row:* Steve Lochbiler, Corry Jobin, Andy Boyd, Nathan Maroney, Sam Dobbs. *Back Row:* Coach Al Latosz, Bobby Schrader, Hector Desaedeleer, Kevin Beindit, Coach Bob Enne, Noah Weiss.

Boys J.V. Basketball

New Haven	60	47
Anchor Bay	59	54
Clintondale	62	78
Imlay City	64	53
W.W. Tower	58	50
Mt. Clemens	49	39
Cousino	56	35
St. Clair	48	39
Mt. Clemens	54	43
Richmond	53	52
Marine City	56	52
Marysville	72	33
Clintondale	53	40
Imlay City	65	48
Southlake	58	39
Cousino	34	53
St. Clair	31	38
Richmond	39	44
Marysville	39	67
Marine City	42	40



In the huddle... Coach Chris Meldrum gives some last minute advice before the team returns to the court to win against the Bathers.



J.V. Basketball *Front Row:* Sebastian Wolski, Matt Bruce, and Chris Zamborowski. *Second Row:* Joe Krum, Matt Maloney, Jim Elliot, Ryan Schroelucke, and Shane Trempler. *Back Row:* Thomas Koehler, Nick Matzka, Coach Chris Meldrum, Mike Gohl, and Scott Stay.



Challenging Season

Provides Good Learning Experience



Soaring for the "J"... Shane Trempler shoots over his opponent for the jump-shot to "put the last nail in the coffin."

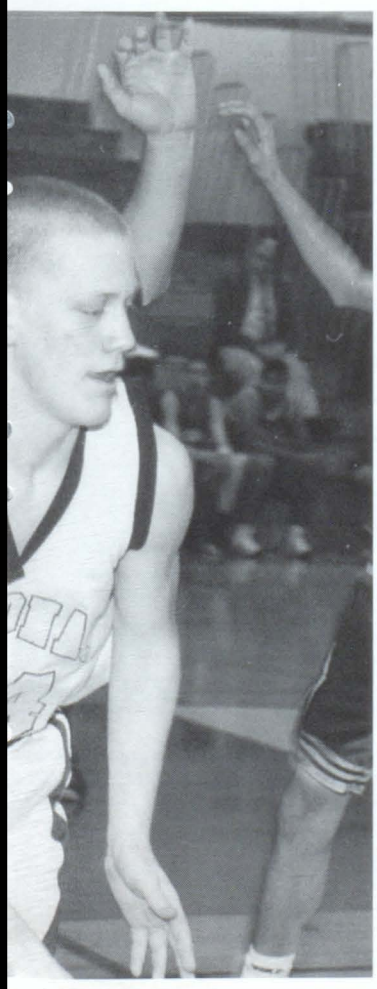
Part of playing a Junior Varsity sport is learning to compete on a Varsity level. For individual players there are often challenges associated with Junior Varsity play. For the Muskrats, injuries and team unity hampered the season. "The loss of key players really hurts our team. With hard work, and dedication, we can still win," said Ryan Schroelucke.

Coached by Chris Meldrum, the team spent the season stressing fundamentals, and defense. "The fundamentals, and defense have improved, but our team just needs to learn how to win," said Nick Matzka. "Everyday we work on fundamentals which will improve our skills. There has been a tremendous improvement in our skills from the beginning of the year till now," said coach Chris Meldrum.

Competing in a tough MAC league led to continuing challenges. Many games were close, but it was difficult to get a win. The games against Mt. Clemens were strong because "we played our hardest, gave a good effort, and we won," said Mike Gohl.

"I feel great. We swiped them off their feet twice," said Scott Stay. As the season progressed, these victories helped inspire the team in tough competitions against St. Clair and Richmond. The Richmond game went into overtime. Joe Krum hit a buzzer beater shot sending the game into overtime.

The toughest opponent was number one ranked Clintondale. The first game presented problems but in the second game, the team pulled together and kept the score close.



After the rebound... Mike Gohl puts the ball on the floor to get to the basket.



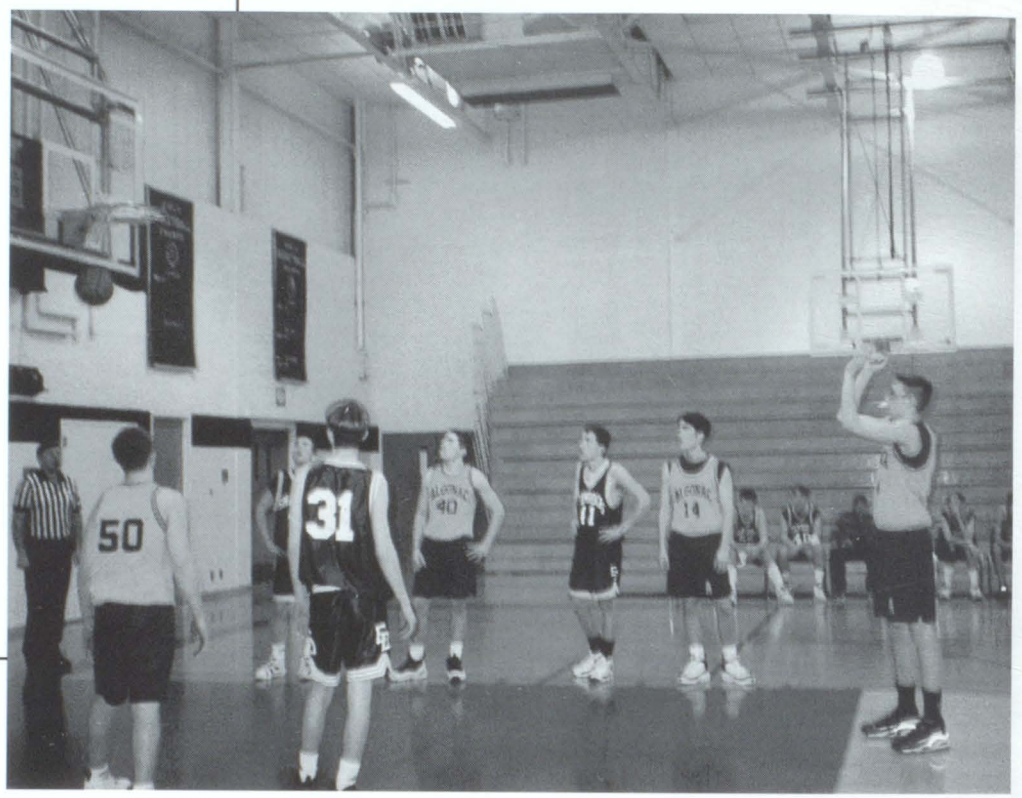
On the fast break... Joe Krum leads the Muskrats past the defense to their first victory.



Pass the defense... Chris Zamborowski goes by two defenders to add two more points to the Muskrats lead.

Freshmen Boys Basketball

Imlay City	28	47	L
Port Huron N.	30	51	L
St. Clair	28	48	L
Port Huron	43	50	L
Lakeshore	46	19	W
Marine City	32	38	L
Marysville	48	53	L
Warren Mott	30	43	L
Port Huron North	30	67	L
Richmond	31	30	W
New Haven	45	36	W
Port Huron	29	53	L
Southlake	53	36	W
Imlay City	48	53	L
Marysville	41	52	L
St. Clair	49	35	W
Richmond	38	35	W
East Detroit	54	46	W
Lakeshore	45	32	W
Marine City	38	35	W



He shoots, he scores: Chris Patrias uses perfect form and posture while shooting from the foul line ending in a successful attempt and scores more points for the team.



I can fly: Dan LaDuke, surrounded by the other team, jumps to get the rebound before the other team can steal the ball during one of the many hard games the team faced this year



There is a hole out there: Eric Donaldson, using basic fundamental skills, shows that he is a team player by looking for an opening to pass the ball to his teammates making it easier to score a basket.

Practice Makes Perfect

Freshmen Boys Basketball Improves Through Out The Season



What goes up, must come down: players from both teams race down to the end of the court watching and waiting for the ball to come back down hoping that they can beat the other team's players to the ball to try and score baskets.

Facing a season of ups and downs, the freshmen boys basketball team improved with every game and practice.

"We played better with every practice and game," said Eric Donaldson a guard on the team.

Along with winning and losing games the players also walked away with many memorable experiences. Such experiences will last longer than any win or loss.

"My most memorable experience was when Chuck Polito alley-ooped it to me," said Mike Dandron.

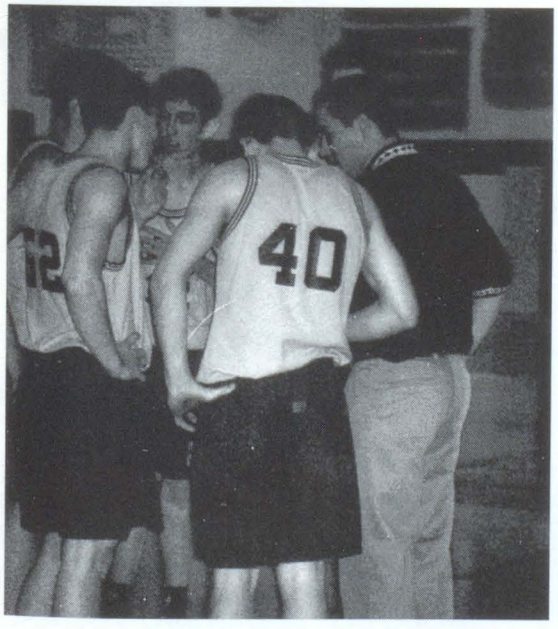
Another great moment was shared by almost the whole team. The victory of 46-19 over Lakeshore was one of the best games the members of the team said they had played.

The freshmen team does however, have an advantage. They have the same coach this year that they had last year, Tom Ravis. This makes things easier because the players know how he coaches and the coach knows how they play as a team and individually.

"The team has been through a lot with injuries and suspensions," said their coach Tom Ravis.

The captains of the team are Mike Dandron and Deric Kmetz. Both of the captains play the position of forward on the team. They both said that the main reason they play is because they love the game.

Along with basic fundamentals some players go by personal quotes or mottos. A particular one was by Eric Donaldson, he said,"If your not hot shoot 'til your hot, if your hot keep on shooting."



Time Out: Coach Tom Ravis calls for a side line conference with his team to go over some strategies and plays to help the team get back on their feet to score and win the game against Imaly City.

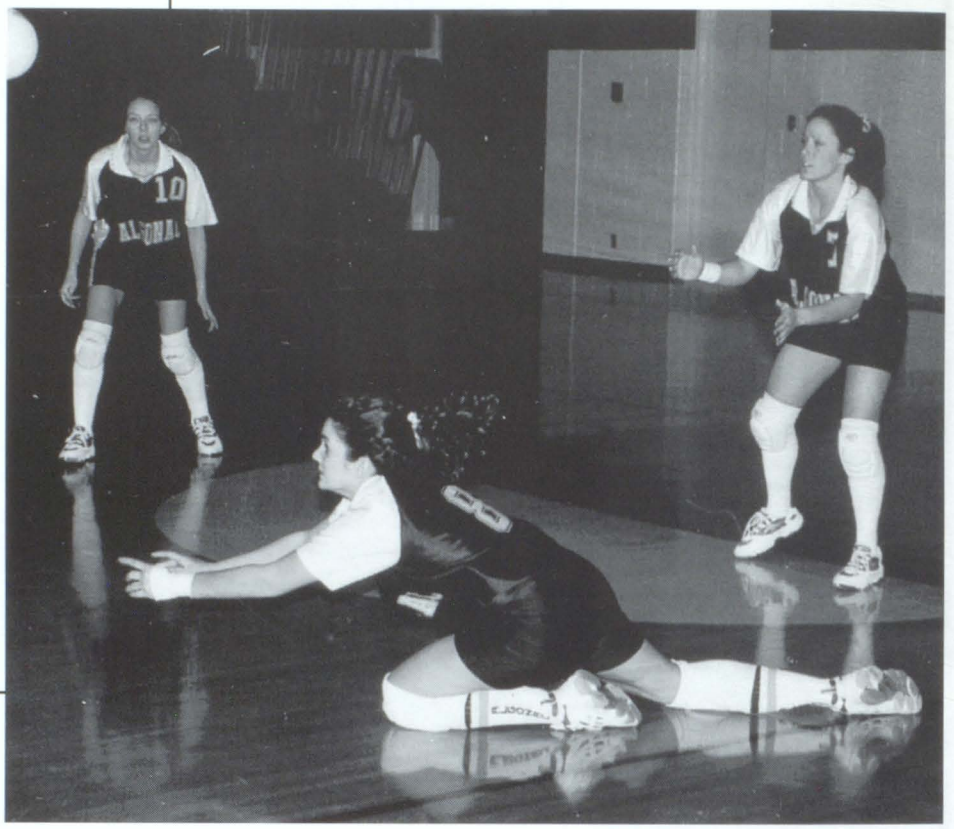


Freshmen Boys Basketball: *Front row;* Charles Polito, Eric Schweihofer, Dan LaDuke, Clint Grant, Thomas Stringer *Back row;* Coach Tom Ravis, Derik Kmetz, Jim Murray, Eric Short, Chris Patrias, Mike Dandron, and Eric Donaldson.

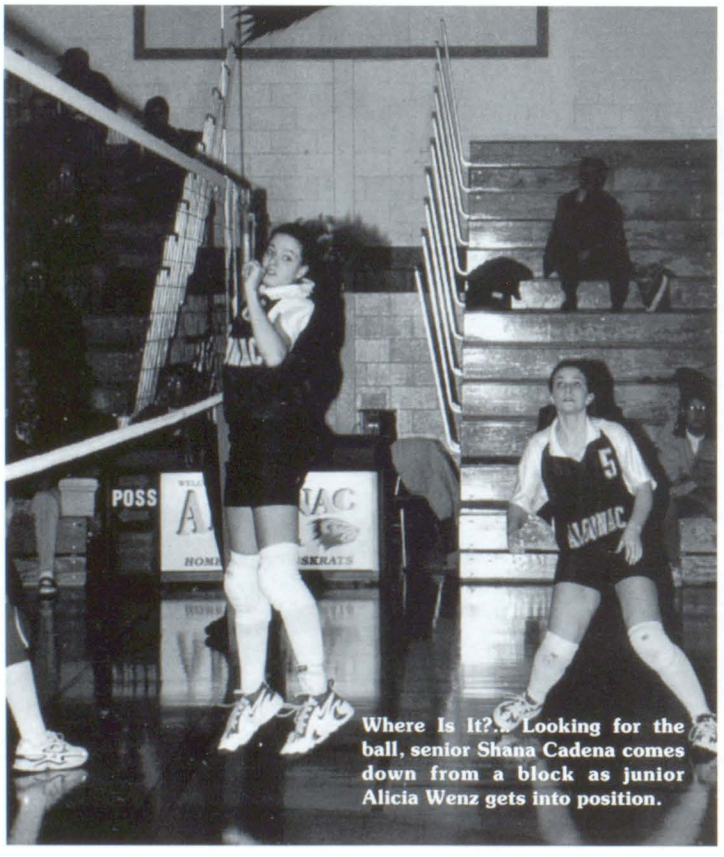
Varsity Volleyball

Richmond	10-15	15-12	15-8	W
Clintondale	15-7		15-11	W
Fitzgerald	15-17	15-10	13-15	L
Mt. Clemens	15-10	10-15	9-15	L
Warren Lincoln	10-15		9-15	L
Centerline	7-15	16-14	15-9	W
Yale	4-15	8-15	7-15	L
Richmond	15-7		15-11	W
Clintondale	15-3		15-6	W
Fitzgerald	10-15	15-10	15-5	W
Warren Lincoln	6-15		6-15	L
Centerline	6-15		11-15	L
Mt. Clemens	15-13	10-15	11-15	L

Overall 6-6



Lets Get Down...Sophomore Danielle Eder digs the ball to save her team.



Where Is It?... Looking for the ball, senior Shana Cadena comes down from a block as junior Alicia Wenz gets into position.



On Her Toes...Senior Kate Dearie gets ready to serve the ball during a league game at home.

Getting High...Senior Shana Cadena tips the ball over the net to the opposing team.



Improvement

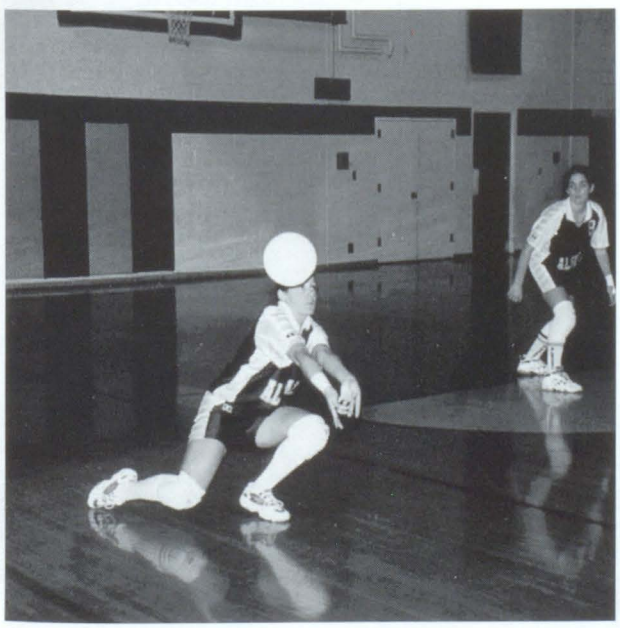
Is the name of the game

Going into the 97-98 season with a new level of competition the varsity volleyball team worked their hardest to improve this years season. This year the girls have undergone many changes, from losing players to new uniforms.

One change is confidence. They are more confident with their playing ability and it is showing through their competitive skills. When the girls walk out onto the court you can see their high confidence level and new attitudes. Another change is a change in positions. A couple of players switched positions this year all for the improvement of their season. Second year varsity player Danielle Eder says, "I really enjoy playing this year. The team has really pulled together. Everyone gets along alot better then last, and I think that's why we have been so successful."

The Algonac Varsity Volleyball team opened the season with a two game win over Richmond. Leading the team in service points was Junior Alicia Wenz. When they met Richmond again later in the season they defeated them in a three game battle. Another win for the Lady Muskrats was against Clintondale in two games. It was an outstanding performance by all the players that led to the victory. They defeated Clintondale again in another two game competition later in the season.

Senior Shana Cadena says her favorite part of the team this year is, "The excitement and intensity on the court during every match and game. I love the friendships that we have made and the fun day long tournaments."



Watch Out...Getting low to pass the ball Junior Amy Sampson hits it in the other direction.



Varsity Volleyball... *Front Row:* Amy Sampson, Liz Dearie, Kate Dearie, Michelle Lupenski *Second Row:* Sandy Pauwels, Alicia Wenz, Danielle Eder, Chantelle Gendron *Back Row:* Stephanie Zyrd, Adrian Richardson, Julie Walters, Coach Mrs. Charlote Ogden, Sara Donaldson, Erin Rickard, Shana Cadena

JV Volleyball

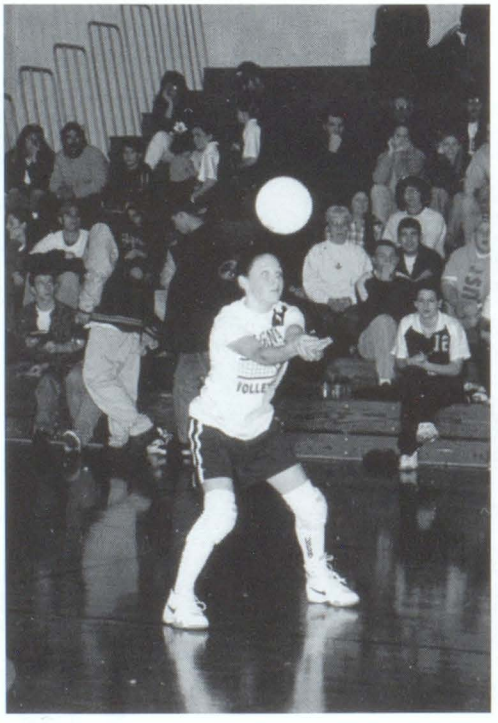
Capac Tourn.	First Place		
Richmond	7-15	15-13	14-16
Anchor Bay Tourn.	Fourth Place		
Clintondale	15-7	15-4	
Fitzgerald	15-2	14-16	15-7
Mt. Clemons	16-14	15-13	
War. Lincoln	15-12	13-15	15-9
Centerline	15-0	15-3	
St. Clair Tourn.	Tenth Place		
Yale	9-15	10-15	
Richmond	8-15	15-5	16-14
Clintondale	15-2	15-2	
Fitzgerald	13-15	8-15	
War. Lincoln	13-15	15-12	15-8
Centerline	15-7	15-3	
Mt. Clemons	15-11	5-15	10-15



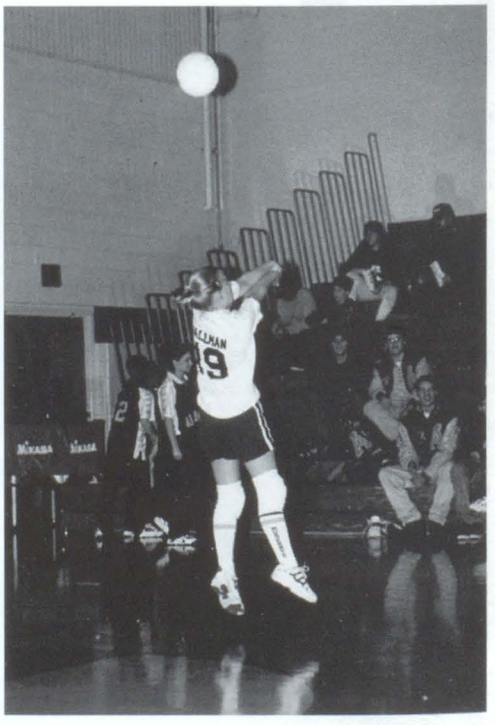
Way to go team . . .The J.V. Volleyball Team congratulates each other as they are on their way to defeat the Bathers of Mount Clemens.



Up, up, and away . . . Junior Nicky DuVernay jumps high to send the ball across the court to add a point for the Muskrats.



Keep your eye on the ball. . .Krisin Rank concentrates on her bumping ability to set up a teammate to spike the ball.



Bump It . . . Junior Samanatha Hallman focuses on returning the ball over the net to keep the team on top.

Over the Net

J.V. Volleyball Defends Their Title



Block It . . . Kristin Schrader and Aimee Pearson soar high to block the opposing team on their quest on finishing first in the league.

As the girls junior varsity volleyball team, coached by Mrs. Stephanie Urban, began their season with a positive attitude, the girls knew they would have to work hard to defend their first place championship in the Silver Division from the previous year.

The first tournament, held at Capac, was the first game the girls were to play in fierce competition. The team won five matches to bring home the first place trophy. Junior captain, Samantha Hallman says, "The Capac Tournament was the most fun and exciting game I've ever participated in."

The season started out well with only one loss to Richmond. Junior Nicky DuVernay said, "having such a great coach and determined teammates makes the Algonac J.V. Volleyball Team so successful."

On January 27, 1998 the girls defeated the Lady Panthers of Centerline. Freshman Kristin Rank served all 15 points in a row during one match. This has not been accomplished in 18 years. "I didn't realize I had served that many times in a row. I felt very pleased with the outcome of the matches."

Strong games continued throughout the season. On January 21, the team beat Lincoln. Nicky DuVernay and Aimee Pearson each had 96 percent setting. Samantha Hallman went 8 out of 10 in spiking with 2 kills.

A group of the girls went to Michigan State for camp. "It was a fun and entertaining time. I was pleased with the camp and felt I improved my skills,"says Kristin Schrader.



Over It Goes . . . Junior Sara Lucas bumps the ball to the opposite side in hopes to score.



J.V. Volleyball Team *Top Row:* Heather Durkee, Jodie Mackie, Justine Raymond, Coach Stephanie Urban, Kristin Schrader, Nicky DuVernay, Kristy Medrano *Second Row:* Aimee Pearson, Joslyn Spencer, Samantha Hallman, Kristin Rank *Third Row:* Sara Lucas, Sheri Peterson, Jessica Baumgartener, Dori Glaze

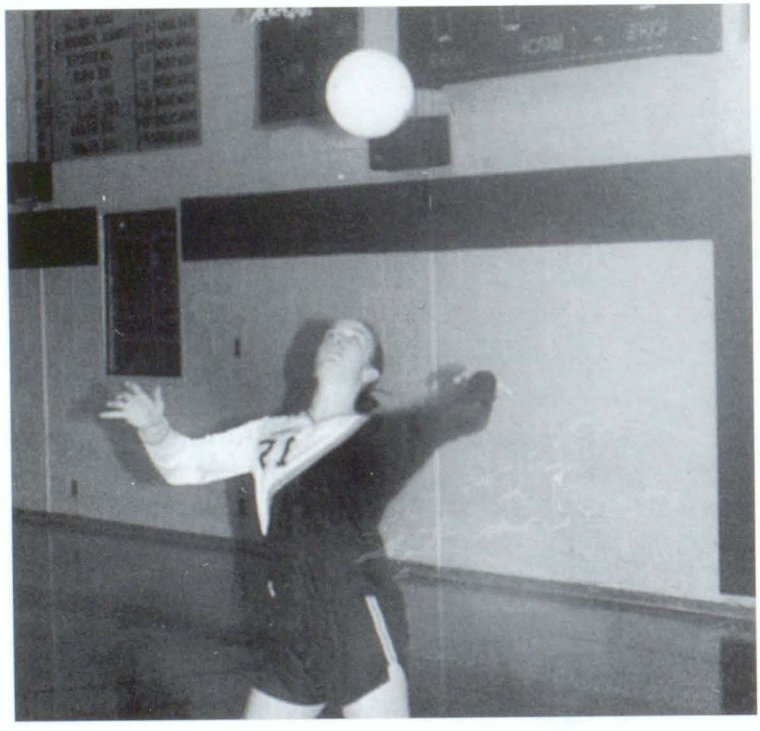
Freshmen Girls Volleyball

Port Huron	16-14	10-15	15-12
Marine City	15-13	7-15	11-15
Romeo	3-15	2-15	2-15
Anchor Bay	15-13	6-15	9-15
Imlay City	3-15	16-14	7-15
Port Huron N.	8-15	8-15	0-15
Richmond	5-15	15-9	15-12
Marysville	4-15	3-15	
St. Clair	15-2	15-13	
Marine City	10-15	4-15	
Romeo	1-15	9-15	
Anchor Bay	2-15	16-14	6-15
Imlay City	6-15	15-5	15-9

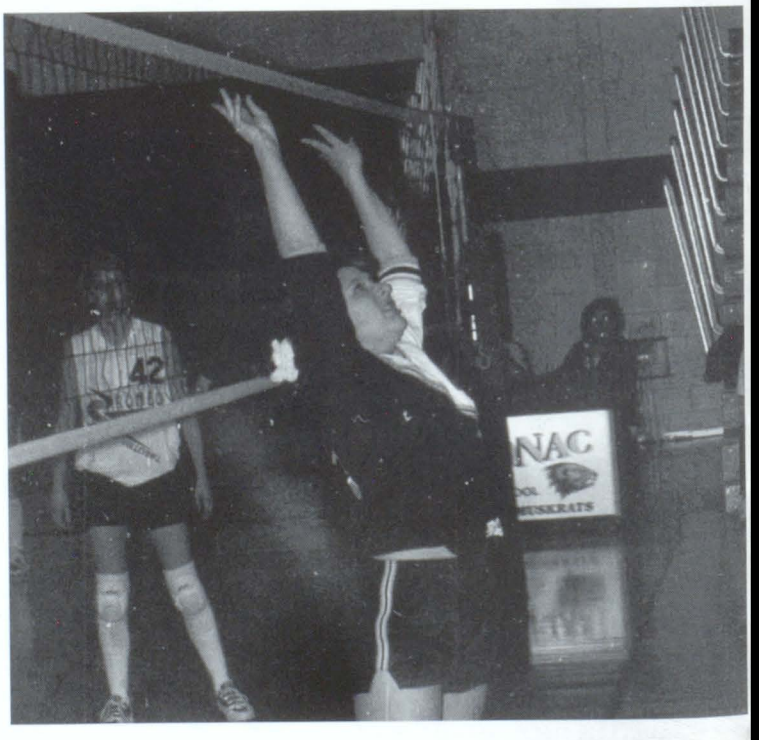
Overall 4-14



Getting it together... the team gets together to talk over the game.



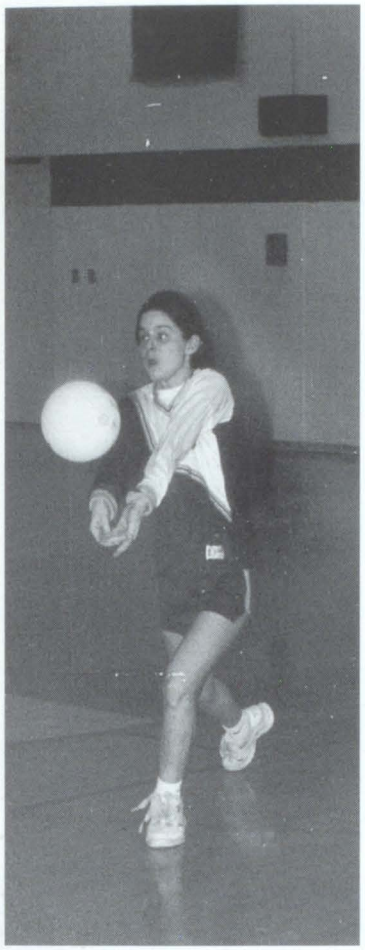
Serving it up... Emily Maxwell serves the ball hoping for an ace.



Putting it over... Emily Maxwell sets the ball over in the game against Romeo.

Bump, Set, Spike

Freshmen Volleyball Accomplishes Season Goals



Digging it up... Erin Boyd bumps the ball to the setter.

Perhaps the most challenging situation of joining a high school sport is being a freshmen player. Not only must one learn the sport, but one must also learn how to work together as a team. The freshmen Volleyball team began the year with a new coach. Mr. Lou Rameau has joined the coaching staff for the first time ever. Mr. Rameau does not have an assistant coach but Ms. Kathleen Mellon has helped out a lot. "My major goal was to improve basic skills and prepare the athletes for Junior Varsity and Varsity play. I feel all of the girls improved their game." said Mr. Rameau.

For the girls, the team has had a challenging season. Mr. Rameau said: "We've accomplished some team goals and would have liked to have had a better win loss record of course, but my major goal was to improve basic skills and prepare the athletes for junior varsity and varsity play. I feel all the girls have improved their game."

As the girls learned to compete on a varsity level, success came in winning games. The team defeated a much taller Port Huron team with a total team effort. The team played especially hard after falling behind in the final game to earn the victory.

At the Anchor Bay Tournament, Erin Jarvi helped lead the teamwith 20 service points with Jamie Wagner with 16 and Emily Maxwell with 13.

In another strong game, the Lady Muskrats were led by Lauren Stegman and Jennifer Phelan. Aces led the day wtih Erin Jarvi having 6, Emily Maxwell with 3, Lauren Tietze and Jamie Wagner with 1 ace.



Mine... Jamie Wagner passes the ball up by the net, hoping for a point.

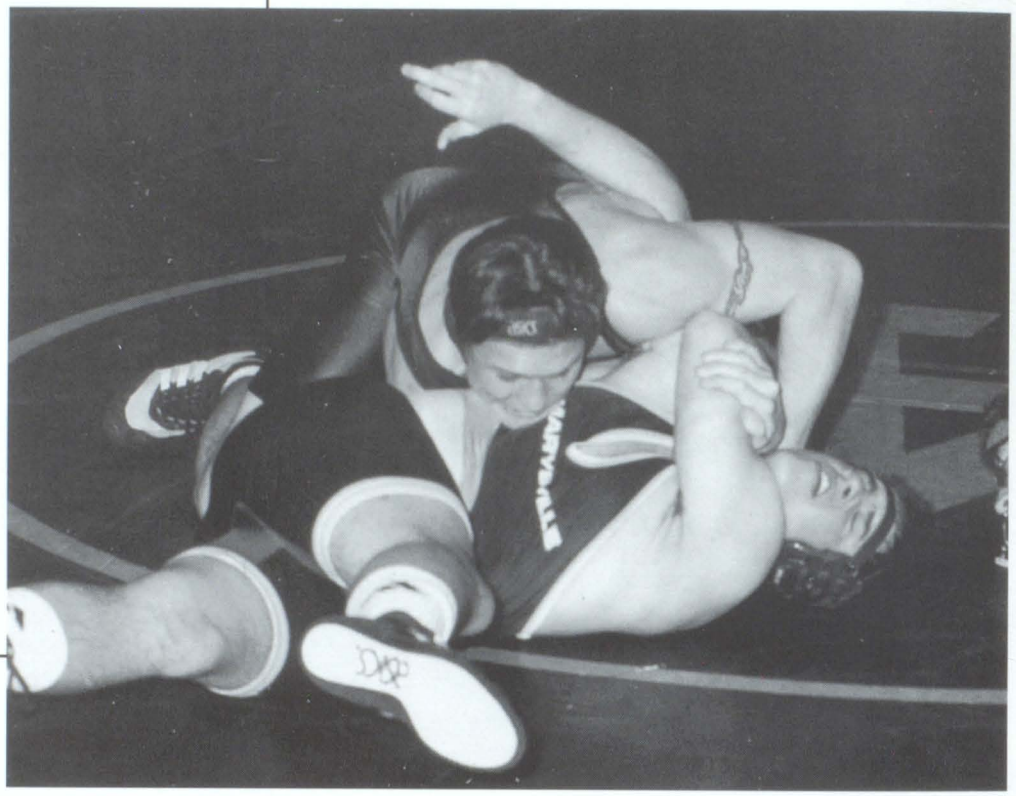


Freshman Volleyball: *First Row:* Jen Phelan, Lauren Stegman, Jessica Trippi *Middle Row:* Erin Boyd, Stephanie Perkowski, Lauren Tietze, Sandy Hoover *Back Row:* Erin Jarvi, Whitney Bell, Lindsay Meldrum, Coach Lou Rameau, Tanya Sampson, Jamie Wagner, Emily Maxwell.

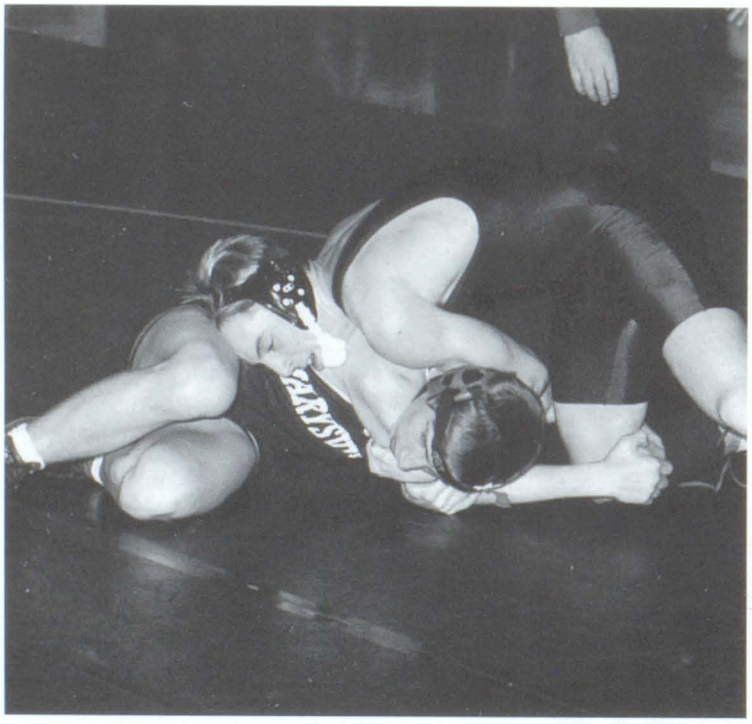
Wrestling

Ferndale	24-53
Kimball	48-22
Centerline	24-48
Fitzgerald	24-45
Marine City	12-69
Richmond	33-43
Anchor Bay	49-21
Lutheran North	18-54
Warren Cousino	28-36
East Detroit	21-58
Imlay City	26-45
Port Huron	46-22
Stevenson	9-60
Marysville	24-50
Notre Dame	28-54
Grosse Pointe South	15-55
Memphis	3-67
Marine City	12-64
Lakeview	18-62
Grosse Pointe North	43-23

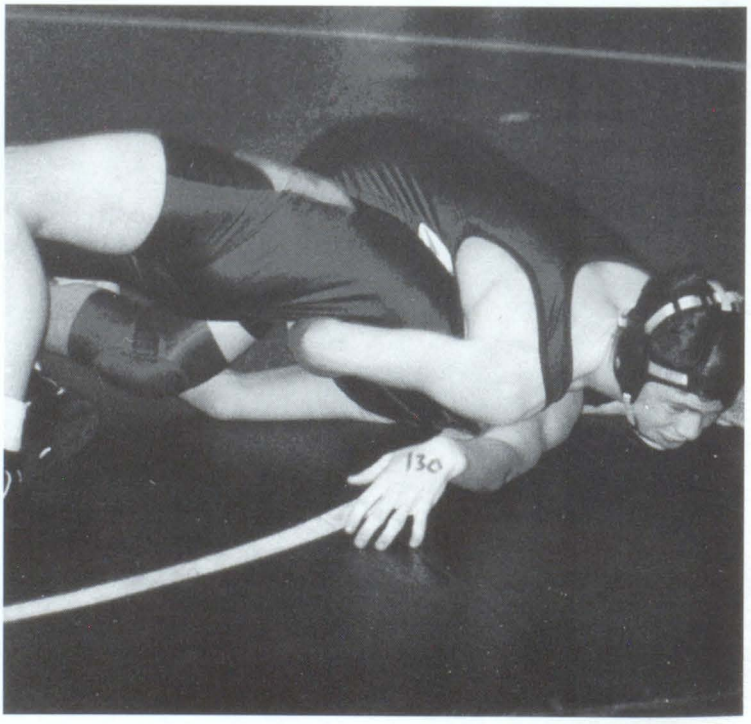
overall 16-4



All wrapped up...Chris Laux chins his opponent to the mat.

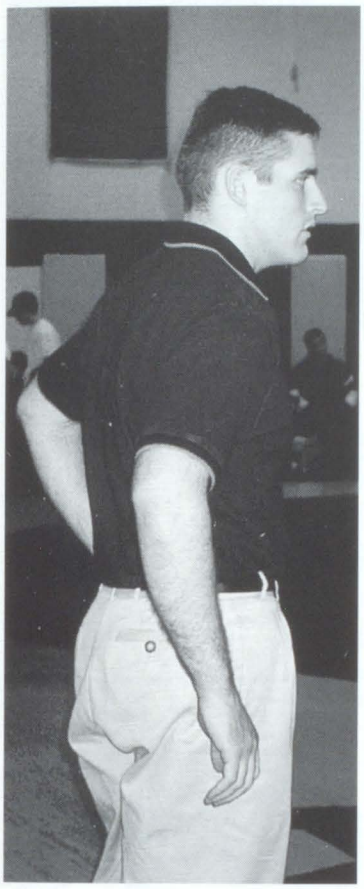


Working the butcher...Rick Prudhomme tries to put his opponent to his back.



Another one bites the dust...Rick Rank adds another win to his record.

"The season (16-4) has been a nice surprise, since we graduated four state qualifiers. I feel everyone has stepped up to the challenge and did a nice job." Coach Dave Kochan



Tradition Of Excellence

Mat Rats Win Districts

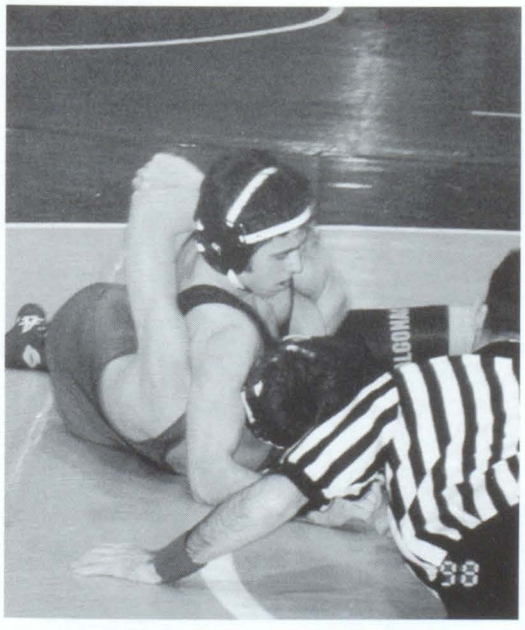
Wrestling is a combination of an individual and a team sport. With a strong tradition, the wrestlers took to the mats with some strong success and a few challenges.

One of the challenges that the team had to face was the fact that there were only three seniors to lead a team that mostly consisted of young wrestlers. Many of the young wrestlers had to take a step up in the varsity line-up. The team also has had to void one of the weight classes this year, which meant that every meet the opponent started off with a six point advantage.

Some strong successes include 1st place finishes at the Muskrat Invitational, Lahser Invitational and a 2nd place finish at the Sandusky Invitational. Rick Hornbaker and Rick Rank captured their 100 career wins this season. Rick Rank said, "Achieving my 100 career wins has been one of my goals, now I can set my sights on bigger goals."Since wrestling has been a part of Algonac, there have only been 17 other wrestlers to achieve the 100 win mark.

This years team was lead by senior co-captains Rick Hornbaker and Chris Laux. " My goal since I was a freshman was to be a leader, now that I am a captain I feel like I have accomplished that goal," said Chris Laux.

The Muskrats won the district championship in front of the home crowd. They defeated Marine City 62-12 in the first round and then defeated Lakeview 58-18 in the finals. Both Rick Rank and Chris Laux placed second at regionals and qualified for the State Tournament.



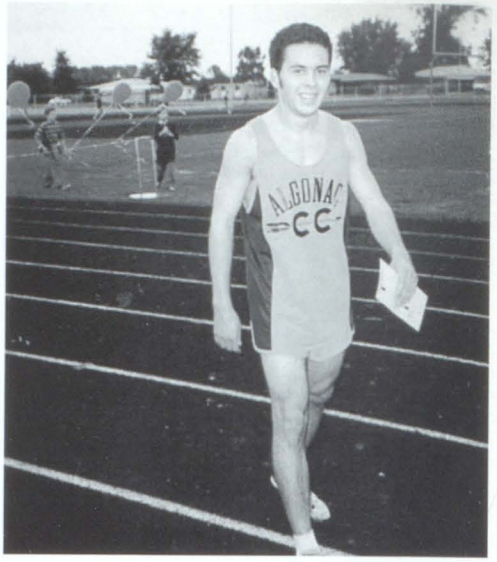
Squeezing the headlock...Rick Hornbaker has his opponent right where he wants him.



Wrestling: *Front Row:* Joe Treppa, Dan Watson, Tom Kavanaugh, Greg Walczak, Ken McLennan, John Gerds, Anthony D'Ambrosio, Pat Thomas, Kurtis Bolia *Second Row:* Rick Prudhomme, Rick Rank, Tom Palmer, Joe Burns, Jeremy Woolcock, Russ Grafton, David Bishop, Clarence Ziehmer, Shawn Martin *Back Row:* Coach Dan Salyer, Chris Laux, Ashley Langdon, Rick Hornbaker, Chris Hotchkiss, Pierre Donaldson, Scott Morningstar, Rick Nowak, Evan Jarvi, Coach Dave Kochan









Ricky,

We are very **proud** of you and your accomplishments. We have gone through a lot of good times and bad times before arriving to this point in your life. You have matured into a fine young man. Your future appears bright, so move forward and embrace it. Just remember we will always be there for you. We love you with all of our hearts.

Good luck, Mom and Dad

Ricky,

Good luck in the future and take care.

Love Ya,
Your Sis
Robin

Ricky,

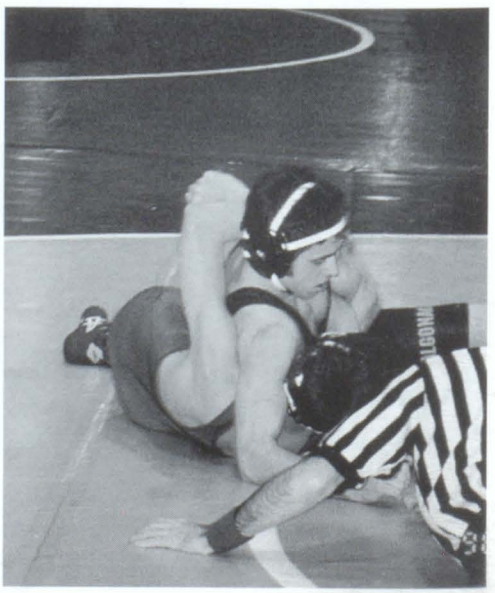
Good luck in the future.

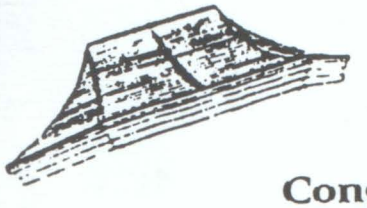
Love,
Renee

You made us Proud—We love you
Good luck in all you do.

Grandma & Grandpa







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Your contributions towards the Senior Color Section was very much appreciated. We will never forget your generosity. Thank you, Class of 1998.



Melanie,

You are doing great! Good luck with all your future endeavors.

Love,
Dad, Mom, Stacy and the "Boys"





Angie,

Its hard to put into words just how proud we are of you. Our little "angel" has become a beautiful young lady.

The coming years will bring a lot of changes with new challenges, Remember to trust the Lord through all of them. Also, remember we will always be there for you when you need us.

May all your dreams come true.

Congratulations

All our Love,

Dad & Mom







Angie,

Congratulations! You did it. I'm so proud of you. But this is just the beginning. There still is a long way to go. Good luck in college and in all you do. If you ever need anything I will always be there for you. Trust in God and you will go far. I Love You.

Love,

Jason



I Congratulate my sister on this wonderful time in her life. She has worked hard for 13 years and deserves an amazing amount of credit for her accomplishments. She has always been there for me.

Love, Your Brother

Evan

(even though you drive me crazy sometimes)

From the moment I first saw you,
the second you were born,
I knew you would be the love of my life
and you are. Mom





You were a great baby. I loved you as a carpenter. You were a fun baseball player. Wrestlers never came tougher. As a Super hero, you were awesome. Your hunting trips impressed everyone. There were no swimmers to match you. You made a fine Captain. I will always remember your first fish. I had reservations about you as a driver. Concerns about you as a teenager. I often think of you as a Princess. There is no lady more captivating. You are always a wonderful daughter, but your best role will always be Daddy's little Girl.

Love Dad











Amy,

Good luck & Congratulations!
We wish you all the best.
Love,
Mom, Dad & Samantha





Jason,

We want to tell you how proud we are of you! You have always gave 100 percent in everything you do, You have so many great opportunities just waiting for you. Go after your dreams no matter where life takes you. We know you will succeed. Thank you for being such a great son. Remember we will always be there for you.

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Rachel



Rob, Kim, and Shana,

We are proud of all of you. The achievements we are most proud of is your goodness, the strength you have to do what is right in all situations and the way you treat others always with respect. We admire the love all of you have for this new special little sister "Molly" whom God has entrusted in our care. You have all been so wonderful and supportive with her. We love you and thank God for all of you.

Love, Mom & Dad







Our "Little Princess," our first sweet daughter who filled our hearts with love and our house with little pink dresses, ruffles and bows, who cuddled dolls and gave butterfly kisses.

A shy little tomboy who caught fireflies and ladybugs, who went fishing and climbed trees and who wanted to do everything her big brothers did.

A grown-up little girl who loved being a big sister, sharing and caring with a house full of friends, music, and laughter.

May God watch over you and may all your dreams come true.

We Love You,
Dad, Mom
Scott, Tony
Jessica & Amanda









Carey,

You have been through so much in 18 yrs, a true fighter! You have always made us proud.

Please don't ever change who you are, level headed, sensitive, funny, and smart. Your motivation and strength of character is amazing to us all.

May all your dreams come true.

Go Blue

Love, Mom & Dad













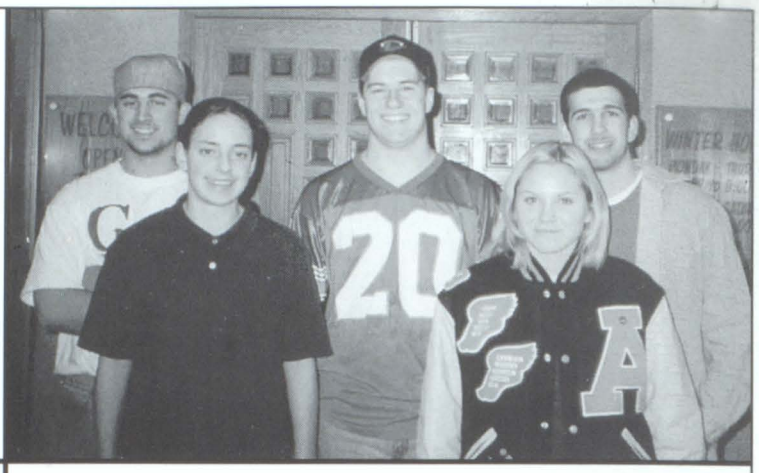
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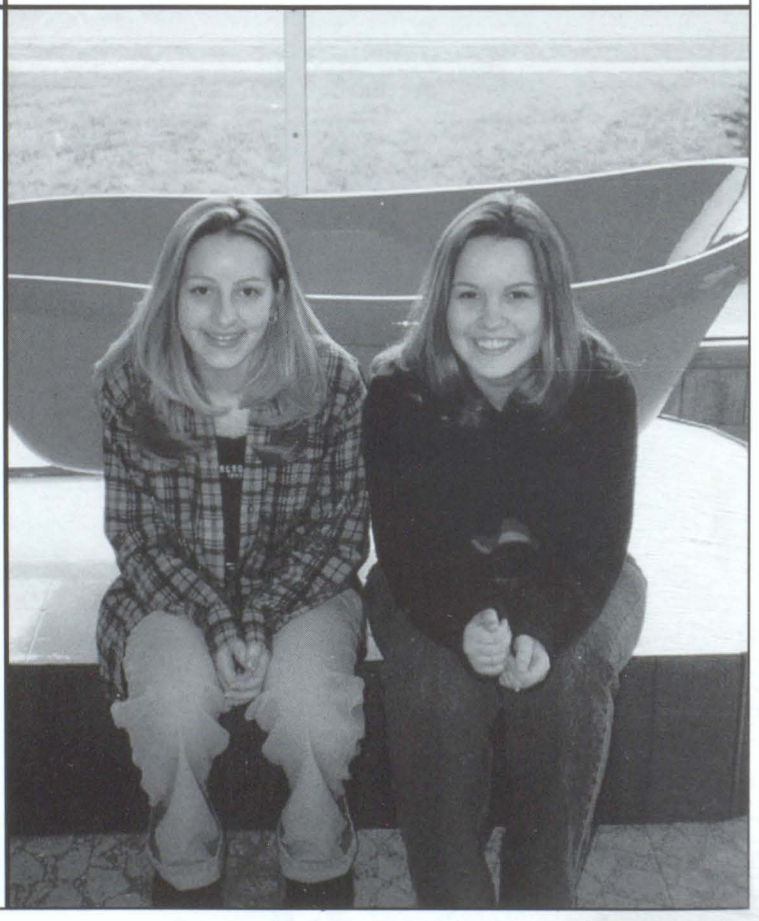
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Matt,

It's been fun watching you grow into an ambitious and talented young man. I hope your choices take you to a happy and successful life.

Love,
Dad and Mom

Matt,

You've always been a bundle of energy and I'm sure you'll put it to good use.

Your brains might also come in handy along the way.

Good luck in college.
Love, Anna



Jen- You truly are my best friend. Through everything we have always struck together. I can't even count the millions of arguments we've had, but we have always worked through them. I know I didn't show it, but besides my family, you are the most important person in my life. Thank you for everything.

Margi- You've got to be the most sarcastic person I know. I will never forget all the witty little comebacks you've made. You've made me laugh so many times. Thanks for staying neutral through all the bickering, your probably the only person I've never been mad at.

Cassi- it all started with you and I. Two summers ago we were inseparable. Every night I stayed at your house, I practically lived there. You are probably one of the funniest people to be around. You'll try anything at least once and I love that about you.

What am I going to do without you guys next year? I am never going to forget Sunday drives ("Deeps Timil") and staying up, eating and talking all night. I'll remember you guys always. Thanks for everything.

Love Stephanie













Dear Katie,

The past 18 years have gone by so quickly. You have grown from an adorable baby into a beautiful young lady. We are so proud of you. We know you'll do great at Oakland. May God bless you and watch over you always.

Much Love,
Mom & Dad

P.S. I'll miss your smiling face in the halls.
Love, Mom

Dear Katie,

Congratulations! You made it! Now you can join the real world with the rest of us.

We love you,
The Big Kids!





Val,
No amount of words can ever express how proud I am of you. You always did your best no matter what. May the roads you travel to your goals and dreams be filled with all the love and happiness you deserve.
Love,
Mom



I never thought the time when I would be writing in your senior year book would come so quickly. Theresa, I want you to know how proud I've been to be your big brother for the past 18 years and how much fun it is now to look back on all the things we've been through so far — from the time I pushed you off the deck to the long summer days we would spend fishing together at grandma and grandpa's house. Aside from being a great little sister, you've always been an overachiever in everything you've ever attempted and I never looked to you as any less than an equal. From your grades to your dancing, you always succeeded and in your success you continued to remain graceful and modest — two special qualities that make you so unique.
But now, as they say, "the best times of your life" have just begun as you finish high school and enter into college. Although I'm no expert, don't forget that I'm never to far away for free advice and that I'll always be there for you...
Matt

Dear Lisa,
You were a sweetheart then, and that hasn't changed. You've always made us proud.
Congratulations, may you always be happy, and go for your dreams!
We love you with all our heart.
Love,
Mom & Dad





Our dearest Theresa, the graceful dancer,
Words cannot express how very proud we are of you, your goals and all of your accomplishments you've worked so very hard to become who you are, and we know you will continue to grow to be the best you can be. For that we give you our continuous love and support. Keep your faith in God, stay focused and think positive, You'll do fine!!!
Love,
Mom and Dad

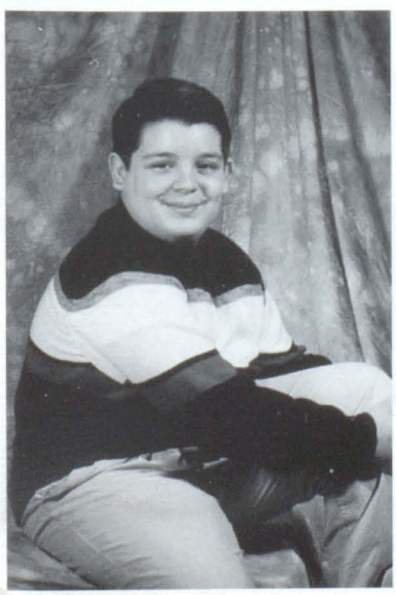


James T.

From the day you were born you have been unique.
I know that what ever you set your mind to you will succeed.
Live long and prosper.

Con Todo Mi
Amor
Mom











Dear Sarah,
You may be "the last" but you are certainly not "the least". Your determination and stubborness give you the ability to set goals and reach them. We know you use those traits to become the best that you can be at whatever you do. You make us all very proud.
Love,
Mom & Dad
Dan & Tina & Danny Boy
Matt & Jennifer & Madeline
and Michelle









To Our Dearest Kelly,
You are very special to us. We will always be there for you. We pray you will have whatever you chose in life. You have come a long way from the time you were small and called yourself "Me." We love you.

God Bless, Grandma
and Grandpa Steward







Kelly,
We love you so much and wish you the very best as you reach to fulfill your dreams.

God Bless, Grandma Langdon

Kelly,
What can I say - you are my big sis and we have had a lot of great times. Although I don't show it much, I always believed you could get where you wanted to go. Fly high!

Love, Your little sis - Erin

Dear Kelly,
From our sweet little baby to a beautiful young lady. How quickly time goes by. We wish you the best of everything as you stretch your wings and fly high. Follow your dreams and don't quit 'til you get there. Wherever you go, always remember we love you and will always be there for you. Congratulations on a job well done! We are very proud of you! We love you, Mom and Dad





Gary,
We are proud to have you as our son, you have given us so much joy and laughter, it's hard to believe it's your senior year. You're a sweet, caring, and compassionate person, stay that way. You have accomplished a lot through your school years. Good luck in college and do your best. Remember we're always here for you, and we love you very much.

Love,
Mom and Dad



Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you've imagined.
— Henry David Thoreau

Erin,
We're so proud of the person you've turned out to be. All our love to you forever.

Mom, Dad
Tom and Ryan





Hector,
Congratulations! You made it, I'm so very proud of you. You have along way to go yet, but I know if you put your mind and heart to anything you can do it. Hector just follow your dreams. Your the best son ever. I'll always try to be here for you.

Love,
Mom











Clifton, We have had our ups and downs but you have succeeded to grow into a son any mother can be proud of. I will always be here for you and stand beside you in whatever the future holds. I am very proud of you. Keep up the good work and you will have a wonderful future.
Love Mom

Danielle, We have been more then mother and daughter. We have been friends. I am proud of all your accomplishments and I am always here for you. Good luck at C.M.U. and never change. You are the best daughter and friend in the world. I love you.
Love Mom

Clifton and Danielle, You have both grown into fine young adults. I will always be proud of you and be here for you always. Keep up the good work and best of luck in the future. I love you both.
Good Luck, Dad





Danielle and Clifton, As grandparents we are truly proud of both of you. Best of luck in all your endeavors.
Grandma and Grandpa Egli

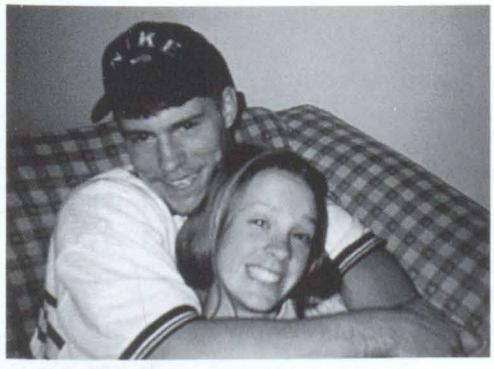
Clifton, Hey bug, It's here, you made it..... I knew you would. No more teachers, no more homework, no more counselors or principals. Yeah!!! What more can you ask for, life is great. You've been my friend, my son, and my brother for a long, long time. I've changed your diapers and covered your speeding tickets. Oops, I guess now your Mom really does know everything. From playing in your little plastic pool, to starting school, to driving, to owning your own truck. I've watched you grow up and I must say that I am very proud of you. You have grown into quite a fine young man. I can't believe that you are graduating, you can't be that old already. Just remember, no matter how much time passes, or how much we may change, I may not be able to catch you any more, but you will always be my little bug. You've got many choices still ahead of you, but I know that you will make the right ones. I will always value our friendship and hope that no amount of time will ever change that. I wish you every success in life. With your spirit, attitude, and determination, I know you will accomplish everything you set your heart on. Congratulations and best wishes for your future.
Love, Linda La La





Danielle, What can I say, it's finally here, "GRADUATION DAY"!!! You've been like my daughter and little sister rolled into one since forever. We've laughed and cried together along with fought and teased. From the time you beat my dog on the with your baby rattle, before you were old enough to talk, to our arguments about what radio station to listen to on the way to the mall. I can't believe you are actually graduating, none of us can be that old already. That's O.K. though, if we feel old, just imagine how your Mom feels. I will always treasure your friendship and hope that we can stay as close in the future as we have always been in the past. Don't ever change, your great sense of humor and outspoken ways are you. I wish you every success in life and know that you will be an outstanding lawyer one of these days. One thing about you, you always do exactly what you say you will. Congratulations and best of luck in everything that you do. Love, Linda La La





Danielle, For a sister, you are okay. You have always been there for me. We have had our fights, but I guess I will keep you for my sister, forever. Good luck at C.M.U. You are too cool. Your brother, Cliff

Cliffy, Well we are finally done. I am really proud of your accomplishments. I hope your job continues to go well. Don't forget to come party with me at C.M.U. I love you a lot. Your little sister, Danielle

Michelle, Dustin, Corry, Stacy, Jeff, Margeaux, Todd, and Cassi,
You have kept me awake, you have eaten my food, and interrupted my television programs. I would not have missed any of it for the world. I have watched you grow up and you have been an important part of my extended family. My doors will always be open, so even though you have graduated, please don't forget to visit. I love all of you. Good luck in the future.
Denise





Dear Chris,

You have been my greatest joy and I am so proud of the person you are. I wish you happiness and love all the years ahead. Always believe in yourself and know that you are a unique and special individual. You will always have my love and admiration.

Love, Mom





Dear Chris,

As the door is closing in your life, a new one opens before you, pause briefly at this threshold and know that what you are leaving behind you is youth. Approach this new door with great confidence in your heart, for you have so much to offer. Open each new door with trust, holding your hopes and dreams very near and knowing that the world is waiting for the goodness and the love you carry with you.

Congratulations,
We love you,
Mom, Dot, Uncle Keith, Erin, and Grandma











Dear Fran,
Some how the years have traveled by so fast and now here we are:
You are so special to us and we are very proud of you! What a very gifted, determined young man you are. That determination & strong mind will take you all the way. You've always believed in yourself and therefore accomplished all you've wanted so far. You will be fine out in the world; your path is made clear. We will always be there for you and what is reassuring to us is that you will never walk your path alone. The world is yours son; now go out there and conquer it!
God Bless Your Journey,
Love, Mom, and Dad



Francis James,
Congratulations, I am proud of your high school achievement. The time has now come to start following your dreams. Following your dream is a journey which includes: vision, rising above the majority, and determination. Francis with vision, there's no reason or room to be frightened. Vision replaces mental resistance and will give you the ability to see above and beyond the majority. Never be bothered by the negativism and skepticism of the majority. All the majority knows is what is safe and "risk free", and they are destined to be...average. In a world where the majority says, "We can't," remember you can. Francis never take your cues from the crowd and never sacrifice your ethics. Finally, follow your dreams with determination. That's a nice way of saying "Hang tough!" Do it when you're up, do it when your down. Do it when you feel like it, do it when you don't feel like it. Do it when it's hot, do it when it's cold. Just keep on doing it. Francis, don't ever stop following your God-given dream.
Love, Your brother Dennis



Dear Katy,
Its been a long and frustrating experience for your Dad and I to help you get from there to here.
You were and are: Strong willed, Stubborn, Proud, Beautiful, & Kind hearted
We are Very Proud!
But you remain-
"A-MARY-KATE"
With love and wishes that all your dreams come true
Mom, Dad, J.D., Molly, Mesche, Kitty, Betty, & our Misha Boy





Dear Amber,
It seemed like only yesterday when the doctor said,"It's another..." and before he could finish I knew God had blessed me with another daughter. As a baby, you were busy playing with stuffed animals. As a little girl you were busy playing with real animals. Now, as a young lady you're busy trying to pursue your dream as a veterinarian. We are so proud of you and your acceptance into MSU. We'll always be there for you and remember you'll always be our "Little Me."
Love,
Mom and Dad



Amber,
To a great sister. Good luck at MSU. I know you will be successful in whatever you do.
Love,
Heather-your BIG sis!



Dear Lindsey,
We've always thought of you as one of our own. Amber and you have been best friends for a long time. Through the years we've watched the two of you grow into beautiful young ladies. Always stay friends.
Love,
Mom and Dad T.



Dear Lindsey,
Well where do I begin? We've been through so much together. As far back as I can remember it's been crazy, but fun. You are my best friend in the whole wide world and I love you to death. You've always been there for me Thanx! I'll never forget all the good times we've shared growing up together. I know there will be many more memories to create in our lifetime!
Love your best friend,
Amber





Shannon Star - Our "Shining Star",

We are so proud of you, always, you have our love and support in all you do!

Love,
Dad & Mom



Lori,
As this new and exciting chapter in your life begins, above all, remember when life hands you lemons, and we know it will, you make the lemonade. You have the ability and knowledge to deal with and rise above all adversaries. May God be with you.
We love you so much and are so very proud of you and fall of your accomplishments. We wish you a bright future filled with happiness, peace, and joy.

Mom and Dad



Lala,
We are so proud of you. We know that because of your strong will and kind heart, you will succeed at whatever you do! Know that we are here for you if you need us. We love you!

Dana, Phil, and Nicholas
P.S. I never held you over the staircase (Ha! Ha!).



Lori Mae,
May the wind be at your back and the sun always shine where ever you are! And remember if all else fails there's chocolate. Thanks for being such a great sister and a GREAT Aunt! No matter what, we will always be just a phone call away.

Love,
Deb, Keith, Jeremy, Justin,
& Katelynd





To Our Dear Daughter,
Margeaux Peters,

Special sister
Quick to smile
Memorable blue eyes
Compassionate heart
Always a friend
Enthusiastic cheerleader
Eagar to participate
And a Scholar!
We stand proud in your accomplishments and your future success.
Love,
Dad and Mom





Liz & Kate,

COMES THE DAWN
After a while you learn the subtle difference
between holding a hand and chaining a soul.
And you learn that love doesn't mean security.
And you begin to learn that kisses aren't contracts
And presents aren't promises
And you begin to accept your defeats
With your head up and your eyes open,
With the grace of a woman, not the grief of a child,
And you learn to build all your roads
On today because tomorrow's ground
Is too uncertain. And futures have
A way of falling down in mid-flight.
After a while you learn that
Even sunshine burns if you get too much.
So you plant your own garden and decorate your
own soul, instead of waiting
For someone to bring you flowers.
And you learn that you really can endure...
That you really are strong,
And your really do have worth
And you learn and learn
With every good-bye you learn.

We loved you then,
We love you now,
We love you always.

Mom & Wally



Congratulations Jennifer:
We are so glad you made it ! !

From Cass and Gratiot to Eight Skate and Donate
From Bulldozer to Frachel and Race Car Hugs
From Equesterian Team to Districts and Reserve Champions
From S & T Farms to Puttin Up the Hay-Yea

Clap your hands for Jennifer
Your a Special Kind of Girl
Love Mom and Dad





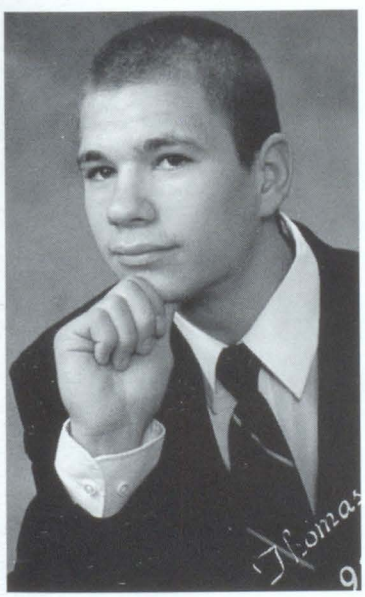
Congratulations Cupcake
I'm soo proud of you !
Hope your year was the best it could be.
I Love You Soo Much !!

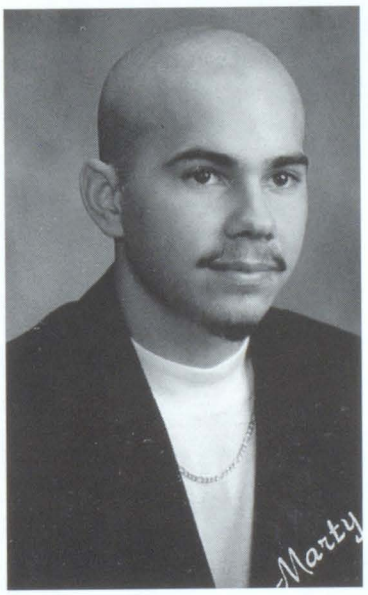
Charlie Bear











"The Belemonti Brothers Rule"

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Marty and Thomas,
Thanks for always being there for me. It's been fun.
I love you guys!
Love Always Your Sis,
Carrie





Angel Face
The gratitude of a mother
is to watch her daughter grow
so splendidly into a young lady
I am very proud of you Melissa
For your individuality, strength,
and achievements
Keep up the good work
You will reach your goals
You will feel the satisfaction of
your accomplishments
May God always be with you
Love Mom

Michelle,
To my little girl with a big heart. I am so proud to say you are my daughter. I know you will make the most of life and enjoy the many rewards that are waiting for you. Never let your sense of humor fade and keep that beautiful smile. Enjoy.

I Love You,
Mom





Congratulations and Best Wishes

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Seniors: May you meet all of life's deadlines.
Your Advisor ☺



When you have dreams and have the courage to make your dreams come true, great things do happen . . .
Your adviser







Who would have thought that this messy, innocent, chatterbox of a little girl would grow into such a loving and beautiful young lady!

Rebecca, it is easy for us to say how proud we are of you. You are very special in so many ways, particularly because of letting yourself be part of God's plan. You have proven to be a loving caring daughter.

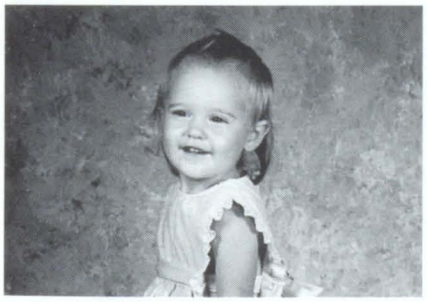
As you move on from High School we thank the Lord that His love arranges our tomorrows. Whatever you do and whatever the coming years bring remember, His love sends it your way and to "Let all that you do be done in love" I Cor 16:14

Love,
Mom and Dad









Melissa,

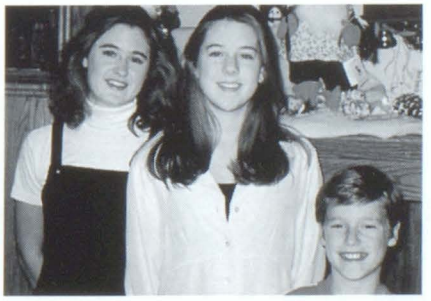
All that we ever dreamed you would be...you are, and so much more. You have made us very proud parents. Everthing that you've wanted in life you worked very hard for. You always find a way to help out, coaching, teaching, that's what makes you so special. You are always willing to give up things to help others, we know what ever you decide to do you will be very good at it, and you will make a difference. We love you Mickey!

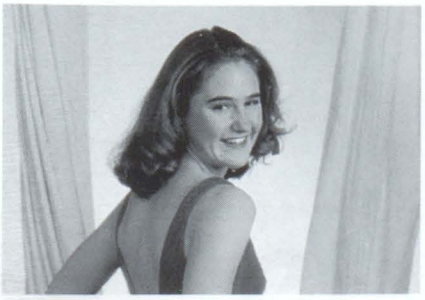
Mom and Dad





Congratulations Melissa! Good luck at college!!
Love Markie (I'll miss you!)



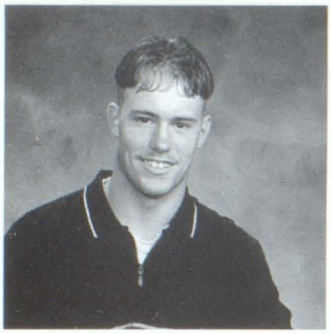


Melissa

Well where do I begin, you are the best sister a person could ask for. You're not just a sister, you're my best friend too. I will always be here for you, and miss you alot if you go away. I know you will do great in anything you want to do, so never give up. I love you!

— Love Always-
Sassy





Todd,
Congratulations
Now as you're receiving the diploma you so well deserve. Set your goals and dreams and you will succeed. You Deserve the Best. We love you and will always be here for you.
Love,
Mom and Dad









Melissa,

We can't believe it's almost time for graduation. It seems like we blinked and you went from a little girl to a beautiful young women.
You have always been opinionated, strong, curious, and confident. Now you are a young women with all those special and wonderful qualities that have grown with you.
You have always loved to perform for an audience, whether it was you and Amber doing the news, dancing, and being silly for the video camera, dancing on the stage, or performing in the school play, you always sparkled.
You have never been afraid of hard work, you have always worked hard and done your best in everything you do. You are a very special and unique person with an ability to make people smile. You are truly a gift from heaven, we thank God every day that we were chosen to be your parents.
Love Always,
Mom and Dad

P.S. You know that perfection you have been striving for? Look in the mirror it's right there.

Melissa,
You're the best big sister ever.
Love,
Phillip and Elizabeth













Corry,
Watching you grow up has been so much fun, our son and our friend.
We love you and know whatever path you choose it will only grow stronger for having had you walk there.
Mom and Dad



Corry and Jeff,
Pimp'in Ain't Easy,
Keep up the Good Work.
Love,
Juli and Diana



Corry,
I'm glad we've grown so close. You're my bud, I don't know what I would do if I didn't have a brother like you! See ya on the West Coast, Dude!
Love Always,
Juli



Dan,
As you embark on your life's voyage, stay the course you've charted. We have so much pride and respect for the man you have become.
Love,
Mom & Dad



Don,
It's hard to believe that the time has flown by so fast. It has truly been a joy to watch you grow up. I feel fortunate to have been able to be a part of your life. All the joys of shared activities be it baseball, football, camping, or just hanging out together have enriched our lives. We have taught eachother so much and yet there is still a lot of living to do. You are a son I can be proud of, Keep faith and that great sense of humor. Best wishes for years to come.
Love, Dad
P.S. Do you mind if I still look over your shoulder once in a while "Big Guy"?



Donny,
I am so proud to have you for my son. You have grown up to be a very handsome and special young man. You have many strengths and talents, and I wish only the best for you and your way of making all your dreams come true. You deserve the best, and I will always be your biggest fan.
All My Love, Mom

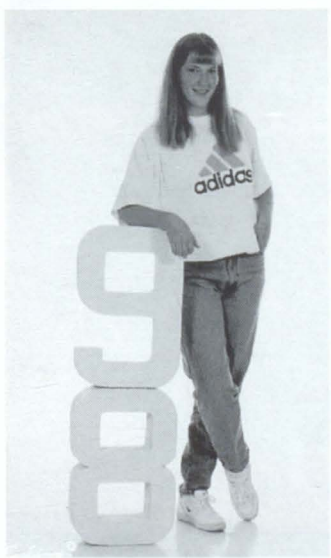


Nick,
We are proud of you! Follow your dreams. We know you can! We know you can!
Love,
Mom & Dad





Nicky,
I wanted to let you know how proud I am. I wish you luck in all that you do! And remember, you'll always be my "little brother."
Love Ya,
Sissy and Drew & Mike too!





Katie,
Congratulations! Dad and I are very proud of you. Don't give up on your dreams. Whatever you want is within your reach, you just have to work for it. We love you.
Mom and Dad



Lindsey,
The years have flown by so fast since you were born. So many good memories to cherish watching you grow up into a lovely young women. Remember, your dreams are achievable - We are always here for you.
Love,
Mom and Dad



Linds,
I can't believe your actually graduating from high school and about to start college. Good luck in the future, your determination will take you far.
Love,
Mand and Matt



Adrian,
Wow! Where did the time go?
We Can't begin to tell you how proud we are of you.
Keep Reaching for your dreams.
We Love You!
Mom & Dad
Erin & Amy



Nicole,
From the time you started school you worked real hard, and you still are, and will keep on working hard through college. Your Dad and I are proud of you and always will be proud of you in all you do, and all you have done!! You can do anything you put your mind to. You are our pride and joy, and We Love You!
Love,
Mom and Dad











Mike

The years have sped by and our blond, curly-headed little boy has become a dark, handsome young man about to graduate from high school.

We know that we have pushed you hard and demanded a lot from you. Sometimes it was harder on us than on you, although you probably didn't realize it at the time. We wanted what we thought was the best for you. We also know you haven't had it easy. The people who have walked in and out of your life and left their mark on you, the difficulties you had as you started driving, and even your puppy, Sparky, all made a contribution to the person you are today and will be tomorrow. You have survived it all and become a young man with a great future.

The fact that you have a career goal of becoming a chef and are working toward it is a great accomplishment. Little did we know when your brother, Patrick, put the bag on your head and labeled you "Chef Onion" for Halloween that the day would come when we would call you "Chef Mike."

The compliments from your teachers and employers have been many and we can see that you like and are good at what you want to do. Even your new teacher has told us you will go as far as you want in your chosen profession.

So, Michael, as you graduate from high school and get ready to face the "real world" know that we are here for you when you want us even when you don't. We will try hard to let go and let you be grown up, but please be patient with us if we forget. Best of luck at Macomb in their Culinary Arts program and whatever you decide to do after that. We look forward to the day when you really do become "Chef Mike." But remember, wherever you may go and whatever the future brings "there's no place like home" and it's the one place you can always return to no matter what. We love you.

Dad and Mom

Congratulations on your graduation Mike! You are a special person with a great talent-use it through life and you will accomplish great things. Good luck in college and becoming a great chef!

Love, Tony and Melinda

Michael,

It seems like just a couple of years ago you were starting school and it was my job for the summer to teach you how to color. Well- Congratulations! Here we are now, twelve years later and you are graduating from high school. I wish you nothing but great success for the future.

Love, Chris

Michael,

It seems only yesterday I was hanging your underwear in trees, and suddenly you are graduating from high school. You are all grown-up now, but you better lock your drawers or you may find your underwear in a tree. I guess you will always be that little kid to me, but I am proud of the young man you have become. Congratulations!

Love, Steve

Michael,

As you graduate from high school, may you find this world a welcoming place. Remember- there are no failures as long as you continue to learn. You have accomplished so much, continue as you are and you will achieve great success. Always remember to enjoy yourself along the way.

Love, Amy

Mike,

A lot of people are going to tell you lots of things from your past and nice things for the future. All I can say is this:

Lying in bed would be altogether different and supreme experience
if one had a colored pencil long enough to reach the ceiling.

Just ponder that and I believe you will have a very fulfilling and enjoyable life.

Patrick

Mike,

Congratulations! You are finally done. I hope you succeed in everything you do.

Love,
Dennis

















"He's a shy boy, but don't worry, he'll come out of his shell one day."

Believe it or not, that's what we were told 12 years ago by one of your teachers. At that time, we weren't quite sure what sort of impact your "coming out" would have on those close to you or to those who know you.
Did "coming out" mean Showing emotions?(sometimes)... Being independent?(most of the time)... Making a joke or sharing one?(all the time)... Speaking your mind?(*@?! that you do)... Being even tempered?(well.....?)

For all of these "coming outs" a wonderful person was formed. A young man capable of showing much love and receiving much deserved love. We are extremely proud of you Josh, and we know that with your winning personality and love of life, you will prosper and go far in life.

All our love to you son
Mom and Dad (A, M, S, M, C, L)





Amy,

From that funny face little girl to the beautiful woman you are now, we are very proud of you and we love you very much. Your positive attitude will always help you accomplish your dreams in life. Keep up the good work Amy.

Love Dad and Mom

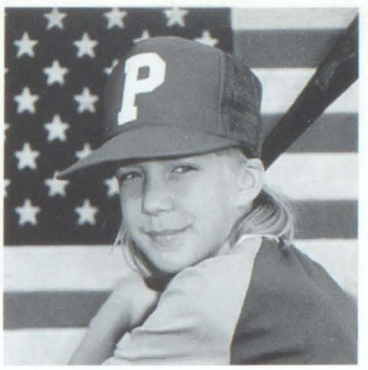


Corkey Thatcher (A.K.A. Courtney)

I can't believe my four years are over and now so are yours! I wish I could have seen more of you this year. Well all I have to say is, always remember burglarizing, TROUBLE, Stony Creek, and the endless nights of wishing for a magic carpet! Good luck next year at MSU! It's the place to be. I love ya!

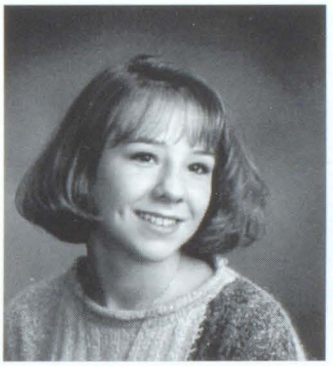
"Your best friend" Kelly





Sweet Melissa!
Congratulations baby girl! I'm very grateful to have been blessed with such a loving, caring, intelligent daughter. I'm so proud of you and all you've accomplished in your life so far. It has truly been a joy to watch you grow into the fine young woman you are today. From the basketball court to the softball diamond and everything in between, I've watched you excel far above any expectations I may have had. Put that same passion into life and you will surely succeed. Your sense of fairness, competitive spirit and compassion will carry you far. Good luck with college and in everything you do.

God Bless
Love always
Dad and Tina



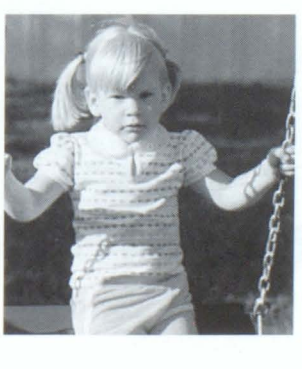




Dear Amanda,

The years seem to have gone by too fast. It is hard to believe that there was a time when you were my sassy, tag-along, six year old sister that I just couldn't keep out of my hair. Now you are an adult (still sassy) and I would love to have you "tag-along" more often! I am relieved to know that I didn't do any damage with grandpa's bike, or you wouldn't be so beautiful and witty. Be proud of the kind of person you've become and look forward to your future with the thought that now you make all the decisions. Wherever you go, whatever you do, remember that you have a large, caring family that loves you and would do anything for our sweet Mandolia Bulkheart.

Love,
Your Seeester



Marie-
As parents, we hope to have given you two qualities — Roots and Wings

Mom and Dad


What a long strange trip it's been
sleep tight
Still playin' dress-up
The haunted village
Show me the monkey!
For Jessie B.
"Andy" Rockwood
Duck, duck, duck, goose
I want a caramel apple
MOVE !

I've written this letter a hundred times in my head trying to recall all of the great times I've had in high school. The time has finally come for me to put it down on paper. I have so many memories, but don't want to leave anyone out. So here it goes...

Looking back I'll always remember the great shaving cream fight of '96, going to a "real" haunted house in the Werner Wagon, and nights at the green house. Valentine's Day with the girls and chic's night at Katie's. I'll always remember watching *Shaft* with Corry and not watching *Scarface* with Josh, the Brew Crew, and "Song 2" after Homecoming. The Little Princess Club, the WNBA, and all the abbreviations that have become so common in our daily vocabulary. Going to see LIVE (Nickel's first concert) and Matchbox 20. Mid-night trips to White Castle and field trips to the carwash. I'll never forget the girls victories in all those pillow fights with Steve and Fred Fred Fred Fred Fred Fred and of course winning the Hobbie Cat race that never was. Playing volleyball at the Lion's field and being forced to play tennis. (You guys know I'm not athletic!) The limo ride, float meetings, the soggy football game we finally won and going to Big Boy after. And I'll never forget the last dance at our purple prom. I'm glad we had a chance to make all these memories, I will miss you guys so much after graduation.

*To my best friends,
I know we don't always see eye to eye, but I love you guys. We've gone through so much together, thank you for always being there.

*Nickel, you were my first and last locker partner. I have really enjoyed our friendship over the years. You are so determined; you never cease to amaze me. I always know I can count on you. You've done so much for our class, sometimes at your own sacrifice, but know that it will always be appreciated. Good luck in whatever life takes you through. I have faith in you.

* Annie, well babe it all started in pre-school. We were destined to be friends. Nobody understands me like you do. You have always been there when I need you. I have watched you go from a quiet little angel (Ha! Remember when you were shy?) to the amazing outgoing young lady you are now. You keep me on my toes with your quick humor, but never fail to be supportive when I need you most. I'll miss you next year when we're miles apart, but I take comfort in knowing that you are only a phone call away. I've always admired you, you're so much stronger than me in many ways. I know you'll be a success in whatever you choose to do. Go out there and Knock 'em off their f[illegible]

*Theresa, I met [illegible] only four short years ago, but it seems [illegible] we've known each other forever. [illegible] helped each other through tons and I love ya for it. You never fail to make me smile. Thanks for always being there. (You're my game buddy) Good luck next year at school. I know you'll go far. Your dedication amazes me.

*Jeff & Corry, You are the best guy friends anyone could ask for. Thanks for putting up with us and sometimes even joining our *worthy* conversations. You two are a lot of fun I'll miss you next year.

*Mi[illegible]go, Cassi, and Dannyellow, You g[illegible] are two much fun. When our [illegible]ities collide you never know what t[illegible]come will be, but you can g[illegible]ee it will be hilarious. I'll miss lau[illegible]ing with you guys next year.

*Those adorable sophomore boys, I'm really glad we got a chance to get to know you guys. You are great to hang out with. The T-Rex impression will be etched in my memory forever. Enjoy your last two years and don't forget us.

*Matt, Eric, and Lil' Watson, Well you're pretty cool (for freshmen) Good luck in the next three years, time flies so have fun while you can.

Good luck to the...

Class of '98



Mom and Dad,

I'm sitting here trying to type this and for th[illegible]st time in my life I'm at a loss for words. I can't even express how much you two mean to me. In eight-teen years you have never failed me. You have sat through endless dance recitals, listened to the worst flute music in the world, and cherished every piece of my art[illegible]x (k-12) like it was the best. I can't even recall all you've done for me. You put yourselves aside to make sure I had what I needed. You've guided me and supported me through all of my adventures. You're always there to give me a little push when I need it and a hug to let me know that someone understands. I haven't always been the easiest little princess to deal with, but you've done it in stride. I always knew you were behind me. Thank you for accepting one of the most challenging jobs in the world. (But you did a great job if I do say so myself.)

All my love,
Amber







Ray,

Where did the time go? We can't believe you are graduating this year. It seemed like only yesterday you were signing up for kindergarten round-up, but instead now you're going to be leaving for Central in the fall.

Ray, you have the best attitude of anyone we know. Whenever you get upset, you deal with it and go on to something positive. If you can keep up the same philosophy through life you will go far!!! We're so proud of you.

Good luck in the future and please remember we'll always be there for you- we'll only be a phone call away.

WE LOVE YOU,
Mom and Dad
P.S. Are you sure you don't want to go to SC4 and stay home with us? HA HA





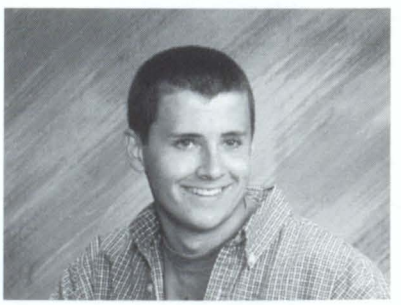
Dear Ray,

You are a talented athlete, musician, actor, and debater. But more than anything you aren't afraid to stick up for what is right. Congratulations Ray, you have a lot to be proud of. I know I am!!

LOVE ALWAYS,
YOUR CRAZY AUNT LORI







Kim,

What a joy you have brought to us as we watched you grow through the years. Your wonderful competitive spirit along with your confidence and enthusiasm for life have amazed us.

We are so proud of you and all of your accomplishments. God has richly blessed us.

We Love You,
Mom & Dad





Ben,

As I write this tears fill my eyes with sadness and happiness. Sadness because the years have gone by too quickly, happiness because you have grown into such a wonderful young man. You have made me very proud and you should be proud of yourself too! You are very focused and determined and have all that it takes to make something of yourself and your new life ahead.

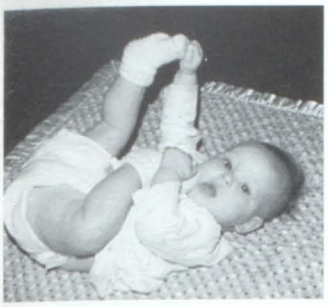
Now, I must let you go and allow you to make your own way. The next four years will be difficult and fun, but I know with your determination and perseverance you will be able to cross any obstacle that crosses your path. Just remember, I will always love you and will always be there for you no matter what happens.

Thanks for being the wonderful son you have been-even though you don't like to keep your bedroom clean!

We made it!!! Congratulations!
I Love You,
Mom







Courtney,

You've gone from a question asking little girl to a very smart, funny, creative, gorgeous young lady, who we are very, very proud of. It's hard to imagine "Little Pioszak" that you're a senior this year and ready to go into the world of adulthood. But we know you're ready to take on anything life gives you.

Love You Lots,

Mom & Dad

P.S. Watch out MSU!!!





Courtney Renee-

Well Little Sister, there isn't anything you can't accomplish, I'm so very proud of you. I can't believe your going to be gone to college soon. Just remember you're my best friend and if you ever need to talk or anything I will always be there for you no matter what. I love you more than anything girl!

Your Sister,

Amie Marie

P.S. I wish you all the best at Michigan State!!









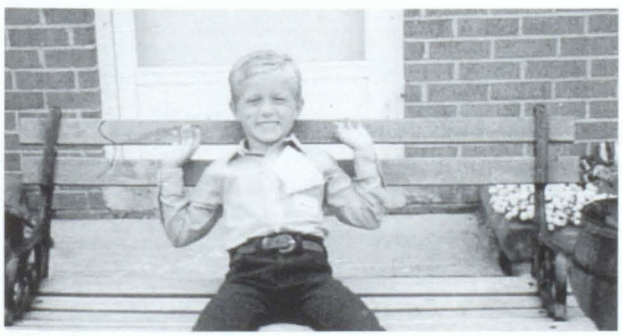
Graham,

Our hats off to you! Congratulations on doing it your way! After all, anybody who can still find a cookie monster hat and still wear it must have the determination to succeed in life. Best of luck to you in your world and ours. You have made us proud!

Mom, Dad, Mandy & Josh











Jeff,

It is hard to believe your school days have passed so quickly by. Just as kindergarten was a beginning to our school years, this is an exciting beginning to your adult life. Our wish is that you will be happy in whatever you do. Congratulations on your years of hard work; we are proud of you!

Love,

Dad, Mom & Tim









To our "Little" brother,

You have integrity, charm, sense of humor, great looks, and intelligence. These qualities, in addition to your balance of academics, sports, friends, and family are the critical ingredients for a happy, successful and healthy life; and that is exactly what all of us wish for you!

We love you and are very proud of you,
Bud, Anne, Margie, Rich, and Jane



Steve,

You have been and always will be, one of the brightest lights of my life. Stay focused and always believe in yourself. I am very proud to have such a special son.

Love you always,
Mom



The imprint of the father remains forever on the life of the child.





Jesse,

You have grown from a beautiful child, inside and out, to an amazingly beautiful adult in such a short time. You will be starting yet another journey in your life. A journey only you can control. Your future is now. Go for it girl! Stay as you are and you will go far.

Love Always,
Mom & Dad





Mandy,
You've made me proud, you've made me mad
But being your mother, has made me glad
Your disposition sometimes matches your hair
Then you let me know how much you care
In your search for all that you want to do
Always remember that I love you.
Love, Mom



Amanda,
Your smiling face, that other face too
We love them both, 'cause they are you
your calls and visits brighten our day
Please, never drift too far away
The rest of your life, may start today
But our love for you is here to stay
Love you,
Gram & Pops



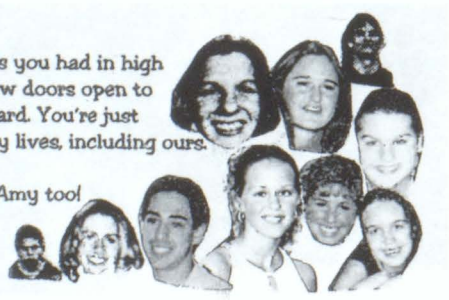
Manda Jo,
You can't pick your sister,
You can pick your friend,
We will be both until the end.
Love, Amy

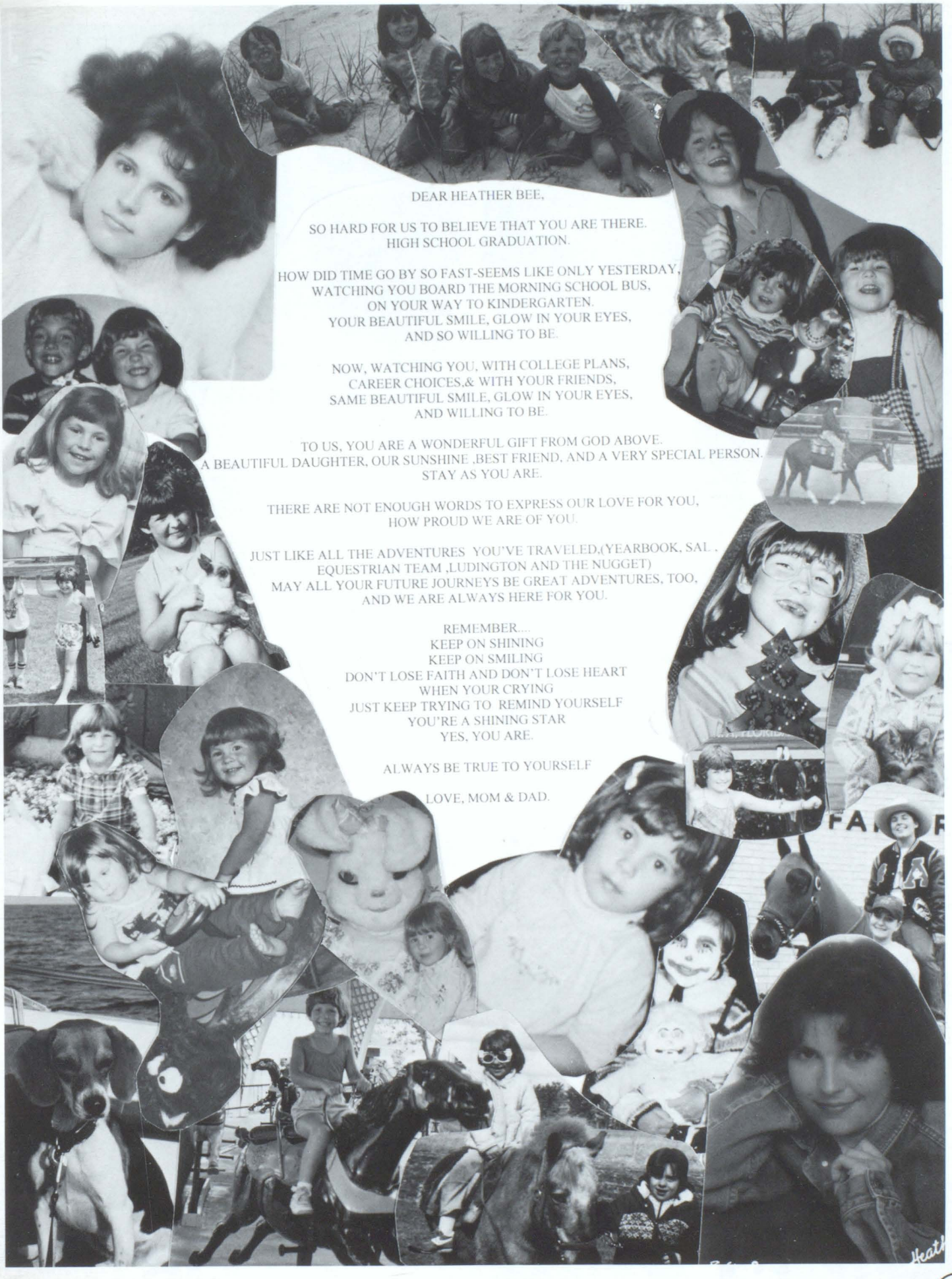
Manda
We are cousins indeed
We are friends forever
We know you'll succeed
In every endeavor
Kim & Heather





Congratulations Everyone!
Remember all of the best times you had in high school. As these doors close, new doors open to you. Choose wisely and work hard. You're just beginning. You've touched many lives, including ours. Don't forget where to find us.
Mr. & Mrs. Hutchins Amy too!




DEAR HEATHER BEE,
SO HARD FOR US TO BELIEVE THAT YOU ARE THERE.
HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION.
HOW DID TIME GO BY SO FAST-SEEMS LIKE ONLY YESTERDAY,
WATCHING YOU BOARD THE MORNING SCHOOL BUS,
ON YOUR WAY TO KINDERGARTEN.
YOUR BEAUTIFUL SMILE, GLOW IN YOUR EYES,
AND SO WILLING TO BE.
NOW, WATCHING YOU, WITH COLLEGE PLANS,
CAREER CHOICES,& WITH YOUR FRIENDS,
SAME BEAUTIFUL SMILE, GLOW IN YOUR EYES,
AND WILLING TO BE.
TO US, YOU ARE A WONDERFUL GIFT FROM GOD ABOVE.
A BEAUTIFUL DAUGHTER, OUR SUNSHINE ,BEST FRIEND, AND A VERY SPECIAL PERSON.
STAY AS YOU ARE.
THERE ARE NOT ENOUGH WORDS TO EXPRESS OUR LOVE FOR YOU,
HOW PROUD WE ARE OF YOU.
JUST LIKE ALL THE ADVENTURES YOU'VE TRAVELED,(YEARBOOK, SAL ,
EQUESTRIAN TEAM ,LUDINGTON AND THE NUGGET)
MAY ALL YOUR FUTURE JOURNEYS BE GREAT ADVENTURES, TOO,
AND WE ARE ALWAYS HERE FOR YOU.
REMEMBER....
KEEP ON SHINING
KEEP ON SMILING
DON'T LOSE FAITH AND DON'T LOSE HEART
WHEN YOUR CRYING
JUST KEEP TRYING TO REMIND YOURSELF
YOU'RE A SHINING STAR
YES, YOU ARE.
ALWAYS BE TRUE TO YOURSELF
LOVE, MOM & DAD.











MEGGIE LEIGH

...MEG...MUG...MAGNUM...SQUIRT...
THE FIRST WORDS WE HEARD YOU SAY??
"ME TOO"!!
YOU NEVER WANTED TO BE LEFT OUT!
YOUR FIRST SENTENCE??
"I CAN DO IT MYSELF"!!
AND YOU HAVE CERTAINLY PROVED THAT TO BE TRUE!
LOVE YOU...BUNCHES AND BUNCHES...
MOM AND DAD













MEG.....
A FRIEND IS SOMEONE WHO....
STRENGTHENS YOU
WITH PRAYERS.....
BLESSES YOU
WITH LOVE.....AND
ENCOURAGES YOU
WITH HOPE.....
YOU ARE MY BEST FRIEND
AND ALWAYS WILL BE.....
LOVE,
ANDEE



Niki,

You have faced many challenging obstacles throughout your life and have overcome them all. You've made us all very proud of your remarkable achievements. You most definitely are a very special and talented young lady. May God bless you and keep you healthy so you can accomplish your dream of becoming a prosecuting attorney. We know that if you continue to work as hard in the future as you have in the past that you will succeed!

Love, Mom, Dad, Lindsay & Corey



Niki,

We're so proud of you. May your future be Bright, Happy, & Successful!

Love, Grandma & Grandpa

Niki,

Congratulations! Keep up the good work, I love you! Papa



Once upon a time back in February of 1980, born to us a beautiful Leap Year Baby. With a little hair, and eyes so bright, taking care of her was such a delight!

Now it's June of 1998, and that little baby girl is getting ready to graduate. We've had 18 wonderful years of watching you grow, but can't help wonder "Where did the time go?"

Beautiful and loving, not to mention smart. We'd like to thank you Kim from the bottom of our hearts.

Love,

Mom & Dad





My Dearest Loren,

You are the very most important young man in our lives. We have given you all lifes lessons we possibly could since the day you were born. Now you can go out into the real world and put all of them to work on your own. You are a wonderful, very caring, and loving person. We wish you all good things in life. God has blessed you with many talents and lots of confidence, He also gave you a heart as big as this good earth. Life is Good. I know yours will be a success in all you choose to do. Thanks for all the happiness you have given us.

With all our love,

Dad and Mom

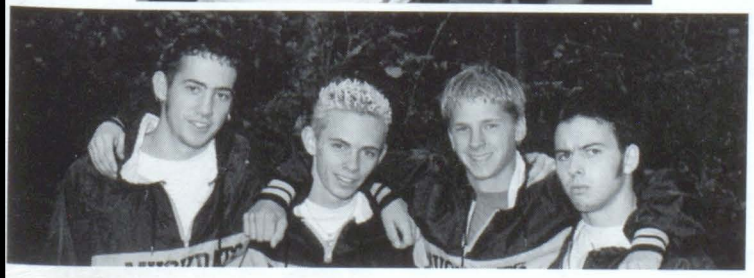
Rick, Josh, Robbie and Jason,

Thanks for the memories, you've become more than special to me. Always come home.

Love,

Mom Myny





To our Jewel,

On February 5, 1980, we were truly blessed with an angel. You have brought so much joy to our world, and so many wonderful memories to treasure.

It wasn't so long ago when we helped put paper towel in your shoes so that you could be tall enough to ride the roller coasters at Cedar Point. We were so proud of you when you made it to the Senior baton squad of the Michigan Mariners, and you were only in the second grade! And you made us laugh when you'd jump out of bed, looking for the Easter Bunny that always got away!

It's hard to imagine that the little girl we took to Swan Creek Nursery school is now graduating from high school!!

Where did the time go? Parades, Girl Scouts, Sports, especially Track...remember the 1997 season? Did it ever not rain at a meet?

Julie, we are confident that with your determination and your compassion for others, you can do anything you set your mind to. Keep your sense of humor and you will go far!

Always remember that Dad & I love you so much, and we will always be here for you. Thank you for being the daughter you are!

Love you always,

Mom & Dad XX-OO











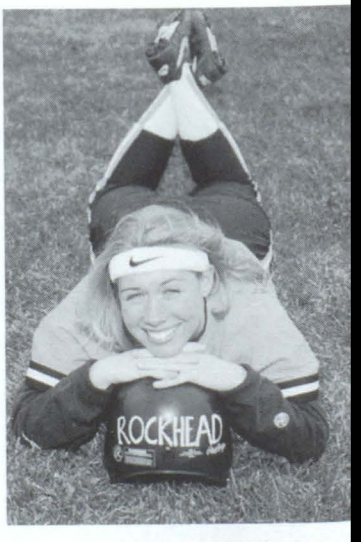












Dearest Annie,

Just yesterday you headed off for your first day of school, looking to your big sister to show you the way. Now you are finding your own way, and beginning another exciting journey. You have brought us such joy all of these years...

...watching you grow more beautiful each year, acquiring a style all your own..

...seeing your wonderful, creative talents emerging and devolving...

...your smile, making each day bright...

...your eyes, forever drawing others near to you...

...your gentle heart and your strong will...

All these have taught us many lessons, too.

Thank you for sharing all that you are with us, dear daughter. Thank you for the gift of your smile and laughter, the promise in your eyes, your quick wit, and for always standing by your values, never settling for less. Oh, how we have grown sharing these years with you!

You are ready, now, Annie. Ready to go on and learn beyond what you have here, beyond us. And ready to touch others with your caring, promise, energy, and zest for life. With your determination and talent, you are destined for success. Good luck, sweetheart. We can already see you soaring!

We love you always,
Mom and Dad

To my Sissy,

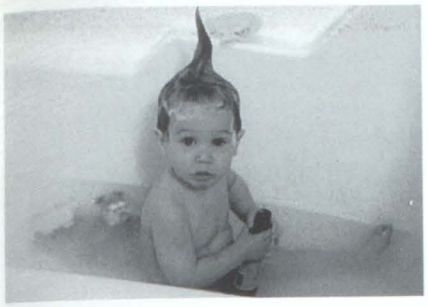
You've given Algonac High School something it hasn't seen in quite a long while; and even though is is hard to put a finger on what, exactly, that "something" is, it will sure be missed once you are gone. But, you will carry that energy with you and continue to bless others with is as life takes you from one experience to the next.

Well, Annie, Sissy, my best friend, I wish you all the luck in the world. Whether I see you here at Michigan State next year, or you choose to spread your shine someplace else, nothing will ever break the bond we have strengthened over the past 17 years. You will remain to be my best friend and soul mate 'till the end of time.

Annie, your life is just beginning, and I can't wait to share every day of it with you!

I love you.
Your best friend and sister,
Janey





Dear Dustin,

It seems too soon to let you leave the nest, but I know in my heart that we have to let you fly. We are very proud of you and all of your accomplishments. You are a wonderful person and what ever path you choose I know you will succeed. We will always be there for you Mumphrey.

All our love,
Dad, Mom, Andy & Erin







Tina,

You've always been a fighter-and tried with all your might. Never giving up on things-I know we raised you right.

Always good at what you've tried, no mind could be any keener. Open up your mind to the world and you'll always come out a leader.

Be true to yourself
and you'll make it.
We are very proud of you.
Love,
Mom and Kevin

Dear Erin,

It seems like a few yesterdays ago, it was your Kindergarten Graduation, now in a few tomorrows it will be your High School Graduation. Our sweet baby girl has grown into a sweet young lady who is headstrong & softhearted, has a sense of humor and a sense of self, is caring and daring. You have made us very proud.

Soon you will be leaving to start a new and challenging life on your own. This takes great courage and we are so very happy for you. Remember Erin that you are the love and the pride of our lives. We will always care, we will always love you, and we will be here waiting for you.

Butterfly Kisses Sweetheart,
We love you,
Mom & Dad XOXO





Stephanie,

As we write this to you, with graduation near, it's so hard to believe all the time that has passed. From the day you were born, you were our pride and joy, Daddie's "princess." We are so proud of you and all your accomplishments. You have far exceeded all our expectations.

When looking back at your school years, you will always have such fond memories of all the good times and close friendships that were made.

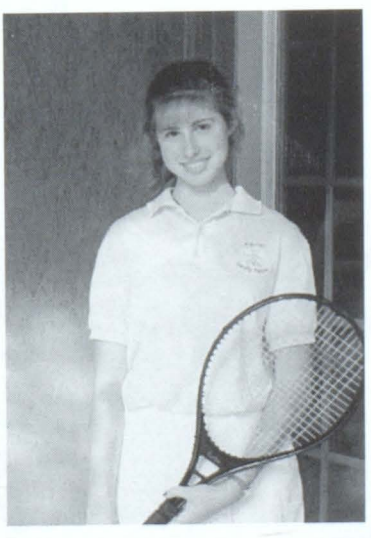
As you receive your diploma, what a teary day that will be, not in sadness, but in love, of our little girl, all grown-up.

We wish you a successful future full of happiness. Our love and support will always be with you.

Congratulations!
Love,
Mom and Dad







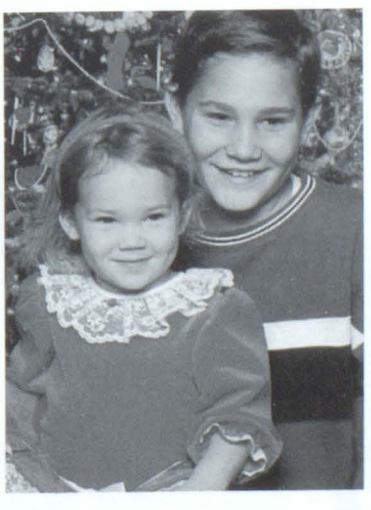
Donald W. Maes II

If it weren't true we wouldn't say it. If we could have special ordered a son, he wouldn't have been half of what you turned out to be so far. We see an exceptional future in store for you.

Congratulations and
all our love,
Mom, Dad and Jaimie

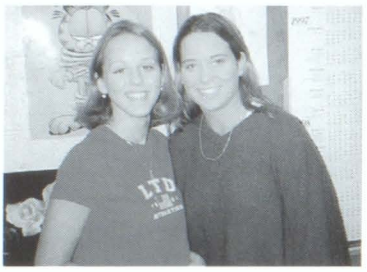
P.S.To Jaimie you're not just her older brother, you're her hero.









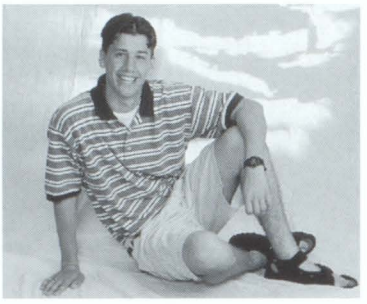


To all My friends,
Well we've been through it all! Pat's house, homecomings, our summer parties, proms,and birthdays. We're finally graduating and we will be going our different directions, but with the strong friendships we hold now, I don't think we will ever lose touch. No matter what happens I love you guys!!
I never thought I would be saying good-bye to my best friends, so I won't because this is only the beginning! Remember the times shared and that friends are forever!
Love, Courtney '98

Amber, All I gotta say is that MSU better watch out for us. (HA! HA!). We are going to have a blast! We'll have to go to Glacier Point again sometime or maybe dance class!

Love, Courtney
P.S. Remember different outfits everyday for three months!:)





Congratulations Jeremy,
When your brother was born your Dad and I didn't think it could get any better... then you came along and won our hearts all over again. You have always been able to meet new challenges head on. You've always been one to come up with new ideas to keep us interested in life. You have the special individual qualities that you need to succeed in everything you do. May the Lord always be first in your life and may you continue to succeed in whatever challenge you meet.
May the Lord Bless You Always.
We are proud of you son
Love, Dad, Mom, Jason,and Michael





Stephanie,
It's hard to believe we're graduating. I just want you to know how thankful I am to have you as my Best Friend. Together we've had a lot of memorable times. I don't know where I'd be without you. I know our paths to the future may be pointing in different directions, but I know we'll never lose the friendship we have cause we're buds till the end.

Sass,
Remember when Dad used to always say we'd be Best Friends and we would just shake our heads no? Now look, we have a bond that is irreplaceable. Sometimes I look up to you. You have incredible courage and a lot of compassion. I couldn't have made it this year without you. I know next year I'm going to miss you a lot, but remember I'm always going to be here for you. I love you and don't you ever forget it.

Markie,
Hey buddy! I know you still have a lot of growing up to do, but in your own little ways you've taught me a lot. I regret the fact that I'm not going to be here next year watching you make it through fifth grade, but even though I won't be here physically I hope you you know I love you. I'm also very proud of you and I know you're going to succeed in all you do. Just remember to enjoy school while it lasts.
Love
Melissa





To Our Friends,
We've had so much fun together through the years. We'll never forget all the good times we've had. Whenever anyone of us were in a bad mood, it didn't last long when we were together. We Love you guys and won't ever forget you. Good Luck in the future and keep in touch.
Love Ya - Amber and Lindsey

Am,
I can actually say we've been through it all together...those long road trips, Spring Break,"Do you have a skrunchee?," getting lost, that angel, New Years, Ferris, and those long "talks" we both needed. One thing is for sure, we always had fun together. You are my best friend in the whole world and I love ya. I know your leaving me next year, but don't ever forget me. Always remember our "Big" future plans.
Love, Lindsey

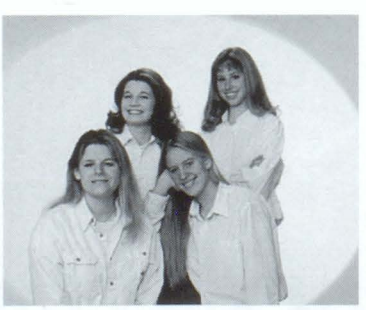




Breetzida,
Hey dork, you finally did it. We've been through a lot in the past years, but we've always been there for each other. We hope you do your best in the future and in everything you do. Don't forget to have fun and PARTY HARD ALL THE TIME.
Love Ya, Jessica and Amanda



Katy, Shannon, and Stephie,
Thanks for being the Greatest Buddies. You guys will always be really important to me. Thanks for being there!
*Nick it's finally done!
Love,
Adrian

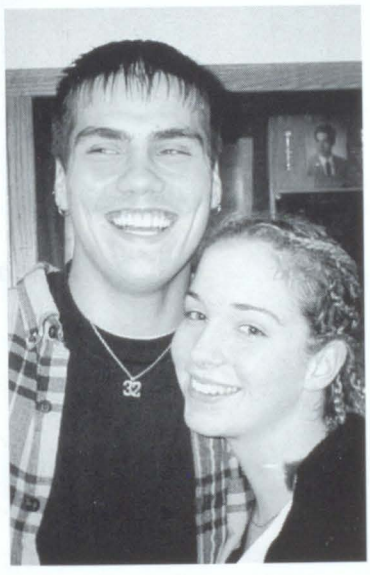


Adrian, Katie, and Stephie,
Thank you for making high school so fun!
SVSU.....
Love,
Shannon









To All My Girls:
A person is only complete
when she has true friends
to understand her,
to share all her
passions and sorrows with,
and to stand by her
throughout her life.....
I Love all you guys - Megs

Dear Hector,
Some people come into your life
and quickly go.
Some stay for awhile,
leave footprints on our hearts,
and we are never the same.
Love you Always & Forever-
Megan Leigh



Rebecca, Kelly, Melissa, and all my friends:

You guys are all my best friends! I have shared so many great memories with you all. Even when we are crying or laughing, they still were the greatest. I'll miss each of you lots! Thanks for everything!
Love,
Erica









Lisa, Kristy, Reyne, Brooke, and Stacie,
Hey girls, What's cooking? Thanks for always being there for me. We've had so much fun over the years. You are the best! Elvis FOREVER!!
Love,
Mandy
Stac - Don't forget the dobies! Texas was a blast!



Jason, To my little carrot.
These past 2 years have been the best times of my life; and I have no one to else to thank more than you. Everyday I see you, you brighten up my life.You have inspired me in so many ways. I can't even count them. I cherish every moment spent with you and I await the day till I marry you: Because "NOBODY" can love you like I do.
Love,
Your little pea (Lisa)



Katie & Heather,
To the best friend's I've ever had. You girls have helped make me the person I am today. We have shared so many great moments together and they will stay in my heart forever. Katie, I will never forget all our "fun" trips to the mall and Heather, I will never forget the ice skating, horseback riding and all that other good stuff. You both know I love you like sisters and I am always here for you!
Love, Lisa



Kate,
We have grown together these past three years. You believed in me when no one else did. You loved me like no one else could. You are my best friend. I don't know where I would be without you today. You are my motivation in everything I do. I owe you so much, and there is no way to repay you, but my heart belongs to you. Good luck in everything you do my darling. You know I'll always be by your side.
Love, Noah





Our French 4 Club, Close Up '97 Group, my 3rd Lunch Table, Melissa P., Theresa S., Theresa R., Angie W., Erica, Amy S., and Amber B.

I love you guys and I wish you the best in life. We have a lot of great memories to look back on! I hope we can remain friends through the future I don't to loose any of yu. Thank you for being the best friends that anyone could wish for.

Kelly and Tina,

We have been through so much. Through all of our smiles, laughter, and tears we are still the best of friends. I'll always be here for you when you need a shoulder to cry on, an attentive ear, or just to hang out. You two mean more to me than words can express. No matter how far apart we may end up I know that we will still have our friendship.
All My Love Rebecca Gates









Michelle,

Well what do I say or where do I start. We've had some great times, all though high school that I will never forget. You're something special and you mean so much to me. I will always be here for you no matter what. Aim high and never look down, you will accomplish great things.

Good Luck
I love you baby
Todd

To Megan, My baby I love you with all my Heart you are the star in my eye. Love you always and forever. Never forget me.

Love Hector

Melissa,
I've had a great time being with you for the past 3 months. Hopefully we can make it workout. Good luck in the future.

Love ya, Ray

From the good times to the bad, the late nights to the rough mornings we've done it all together. Now we'd like to wish the rest of you the best of luck.

'98 Rules
Todd & Ray





Shana,

I remember the 1st day we met that day I knew we would become lifelong best friends. We have been through everything our TRIPS, BOYS, PARTIES, LONG TALKS, etc. Thank you for always being there for me. You truly are the most important person in my life. I love you, you're my #1 amigo

Love ya
Sarah

To all my girls, thank you for so many GREAT memories throughout ALL our years. I love all of you.

Love
Sarah '98



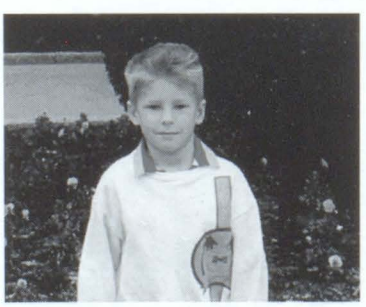


Mom,

Well, we've been through high school together and now it's time for me to leave. You're the most wonderful mom in the whole world. You've always been there for me through the good times and the bad you've never let me down. You're the absolute BEST. I Love You !

Love,
Your Baby Katie





Rob,

It's your year ! ! Hope you have a great senior year and that your future is bright- Sounds like you have a wonderful goal, keep striving toward this and I am sure that you will be glad you did. Time sure has flown by and now your a senior. We are proud of you Rob !

Love, Dad, Susan
Julie, Gabe, and Megan

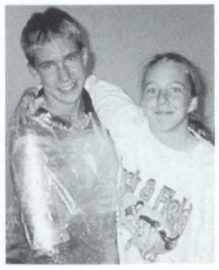
















Time to Move On

With everything we've been through,
I almost wish it would last.
But we must move ahead to the future,
We can't get stuck in the past.

We've had a lot of good times,
Parties, laughter and games.
Despite our expectations,
Virtually nothing has remained the same.

We've made it past some tough times,
It hasn't always been easy.
Controversies and problems galore,
Were enough to make one queasy.

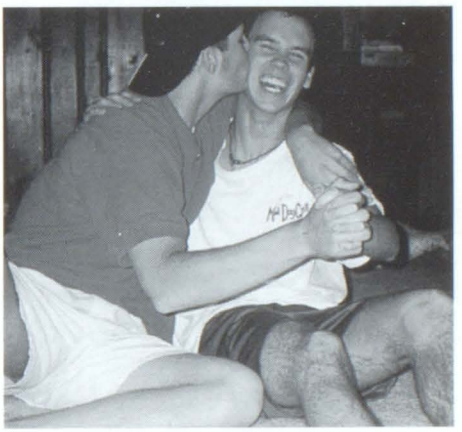
No matter what has happened,
In good times and in bad.
I'll never forget the memories we've shared,
The experiences we've had.

Soon we'll be on our journey,
Into the world of unknown.
Some of us will be together,
and some will go on alone.

But no matter how far,
Apart we may stray,
In my heart,
You'll always stay.

Eric (my little bro),
It has been so much fun having you in high school with me. I hope your years to come will be as memorable as mine were- make the best of them because they go so fast! Good luck in all you do. I will miss you!
Love your big sis,
Nicole

To all my friends,
We have been through so much together. I can't believe this is our last year. Thank you for such a wonderful four years (or longer) and good luck in all you do- always. I'll miss you guys! To everybody that will be here next year: have fun and make the best of it because the time will fly! Good luck in life.
Love Always,
Nicole



















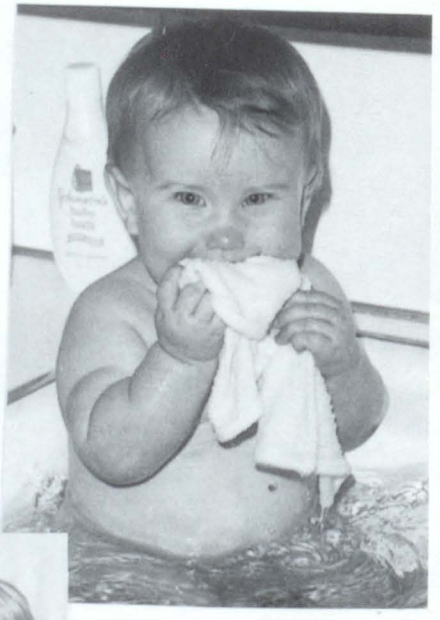
You have filled our lives with great craziness and laughter. You have filled our hearts with overwhelming love and boundless pride. You are loving and loyal, generous and kind. You have the heart of a lion and the soul of an angel. Your beautiful spirit shines like fire in your eyes. You have surpassed our hopes and dreams in the ways that truly count. The rest is just busy work and B.S.

So we mourn the passing of your childhood, but glory in the blossoming of your womanhood. Your future beckons and we will fill the void left your growing up and away. Home is where you will always find us- waiting for your next visit, big news, tales of high adventure, or all of the above. You have our hearts and we have the greatest memories any parents could ever have. Know that we love and respect you and support you in all that you do. Hit the ground running, be your self, "Above all else, to thine own self be true."

Mom, Dad, and Bruno















CONGRATULATIONS!
Jayson,

You did it! I can hardly believe that it has been 12 years already. It seemed to go by so quickly.

Dad and I are very proud of you. We wish you the very best and will support you in whatever you choose to do with your future. Just do your best and be happy.

Love-
Mom and Dad







Julie,

We were so happy and proud the day you were born. That same feeling still remains.

You're a good person and we wish you the best.

Love,
Mom & Dad





To all the girls, we've been through so much together that I don't want to let go. I'll always be here whenever you need someone. I'm gonna miss you-keep in touch. I love you all.

Love Stewy

Sarah-We've become so close this year that I don't want to say good-bye. Thanks for everything. Lind's-Thanks for always being there. I'll never forget all the laughter and tears we've shared. We were never good at picking out guys, so maybe it's time for an Indiana road trip! I'll always love my skiing twin!

Love-Kim





Melissa,

Since first grade we've shared so many good times. I'll always hold these memories close to my heart. Remember, I'll be here for you always and forever.

Your Best Friend,
Stephanie

Adrian and Shannon,

I can't believe all of the stuff that we've been through, and we are still friends! That just shows how great you guys are. I could never have had such a great senior year without you. You guys are the best!

Peace, Love, and Friendship,
Always-Katy
P.S. Socken Boppers Rock!





Courtney,

Through our High School years, each year has brought us closer. Remember all the fun we had on Wednesday nights, "Girl's Night". Now it's our senior year and we are rooming together at MSU! I can't wait, we are going to have so much fun together. I'm looking forward to all the fun and memories we're going to have in the future.

Love-ya
Amber





Melissa,
I'm so glad we've become such great friends. Rainbow was a blast and I still think you have a prettier voice than I do. Thanks for being such a great friend! I'll mis you and Erica too! Love, Jessica '98



Melody,
I will never ever forget you. the most memorable thing together was our road trip to Chicago and sitting on the floor in the rest area bathroom under the blue dryers. Crazy huh? But it was a blast. Thanks for being there for me. Love Jessica '98





Cassi- You have been the bestest friend I could ever ask for. We have went through so many tough times in the last 8 years, but each time we walked away we became closer. Remember our 2 resolutions for '98. **All the girls-** I could write pages of great memories from you, but I can't afford it! You have all been great friends, never forget me. I will NEVER forget you. P.S. Don't ever take any crap from anyone (especially boys!) I love you guys! (But not in a sick way!) **Class Of '98-** We have gone through way too much this year ("This is how we do it!"), but we made it! You guys rock! "I hope you had the time of your life!" Love, Margeaux





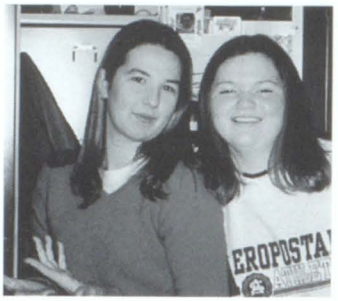
Sarah,
I'll never forget what you've taught me friend. We've made great memories and you always make me smile. You are bright, beautiful, and very STUBBORN, but I know that all your dreams will come true, and our FRIENDSHIP will never die.
I love you sis!
Love, Shana



Art,
You're liked by many people. I am glad to have you as my brother. Not only are you my brother, but you're my best friend. You're finally through with school. That has been your dream. (Ha! Ha!) Good Luck! I'm here if you need me!
Love your sis, Jess



Kelly,
I will never forget you. I'll never forget the things that we did, or the things we'll probobly do in the future. Good luck in the future with everything!
Love Always,
Tina
P.S. "It's gotta be a Maze thing"



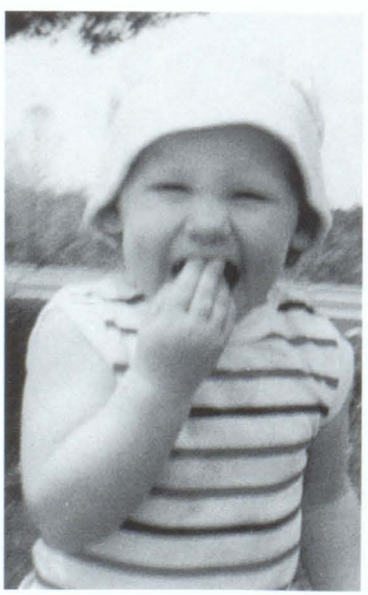
Rebecca,
I will never forget you either. You have showed me so much. I made my biggest life decision, so far, with you by my side. I couldn't have asked for a better person to be there. Good luck in the future with anything you decide to do!
Love Always, Tina
P.S. 1st Corinthians 16:14



Angie,
Thanks for always being there for me. You have no clue how much it's appreciated. Soon we'll be out in the real world and I know you'll be there for me then too. Don't forget that I'll be there for you too. Love Always, Tina



Christy,
Here I am! I am at the end of my high school career. there you are! You have one more year to go. Cherish it! It will be the best year ever for you! Thanks for being there for me. I will always be there for any "Situations" you have in the future.
Love Always, Tina



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As your parents, we have watched you emerge from a quiet child to a women with questions and causes. It is our hope and dream that you never loose your passion and drive for what you feel is the right way for the world to behave even though it may be a tougher burden to strive for the truth and equality than it would be to "go with the program." We lived with you through your frustration and indecision at times this year and believe that has made you a stronger person. You have earned our respect and admiration as a person in your own right, and not only as our child.
Congratulations on your graduation both from high school and naivity.
With all our love,
Your Parents



Cassi,
You have grown to be quite the young lady. Remember to keep both feet on the ground and your head up high. You can do anything! Who would of thought such a fat, chubby little baby would grow up to be a tall skinny chic! I should of known years ago when you started T-ball and ran to first base, second, and then to me instead of third base that we would have a special bond. You are a good kid and a tremendous help to me. Thank You. We are all very proud of you.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Jennie, Mattie, & Matthew "Big Bird"
P.S. May we always enjoy our popcorn and wear the same size jeans-
Love Mom





To "ALL MY GIRLS"
I hope I still see as much of all of you and continue to hear your giggles. It's been fun- even though Dad gets upset with our house "full of chics, with hair dye on." Remember you are always welcome here and you know the junk food cupboard will always be full, including red twizzlers, M&M's, and Nerds. And you are always welcome to add your own special treats to my grocery list.
LOVE ALL OF YOU
Mom & Dad B.











For my wonderful daughter Lissette;
You are wise, loving, and headstrong. You are the best daughter in the world. I'm so proud of you honey. Be proud of yourself. I know you will always do what is best for you and I'll always be there to back you up when you need me.
Be Happy and Be Safe
Pumpkin, I Love You!
Mom

Lissette,
When you were very young, I knew that you would always be someone very special. now that you're grown, I see that I underestimated you. You are spectacular! Never lose sight of all your goals and dreams.
Congratulations,
Love,
Dad

To my Jewel,
I am very happy that you have become a special and wonderful part of my life. Fate brought us together and we've ended up with love.
I hope to share eternity with you.
I love you,
Kevin





Erica,
It's your graduation. It came so soon, and I can't help wondering where the years have gone, since you were our little girl, reaching out for us to hold you, protect you and love you. But I also see you now- mature and strong, no longer in need of us to protect you. I hope you know, that we still will be here to hold you when you want us to and always to love you.
Love,
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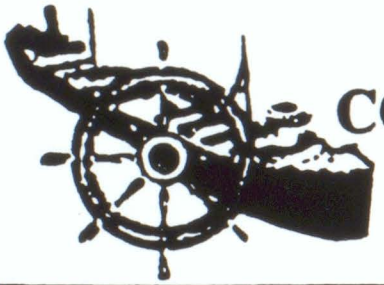


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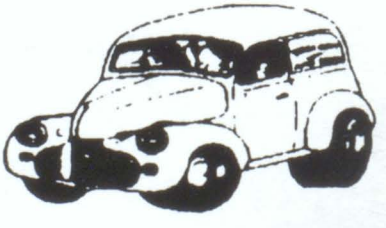
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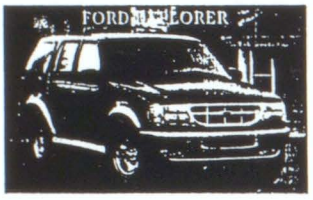


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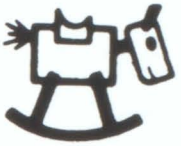
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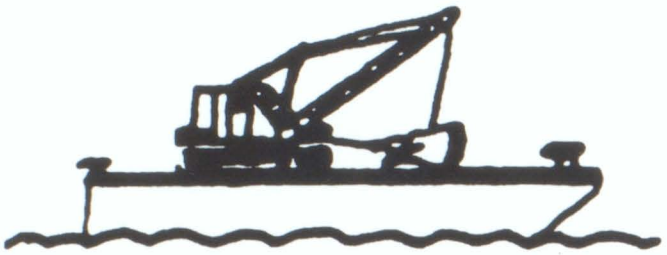
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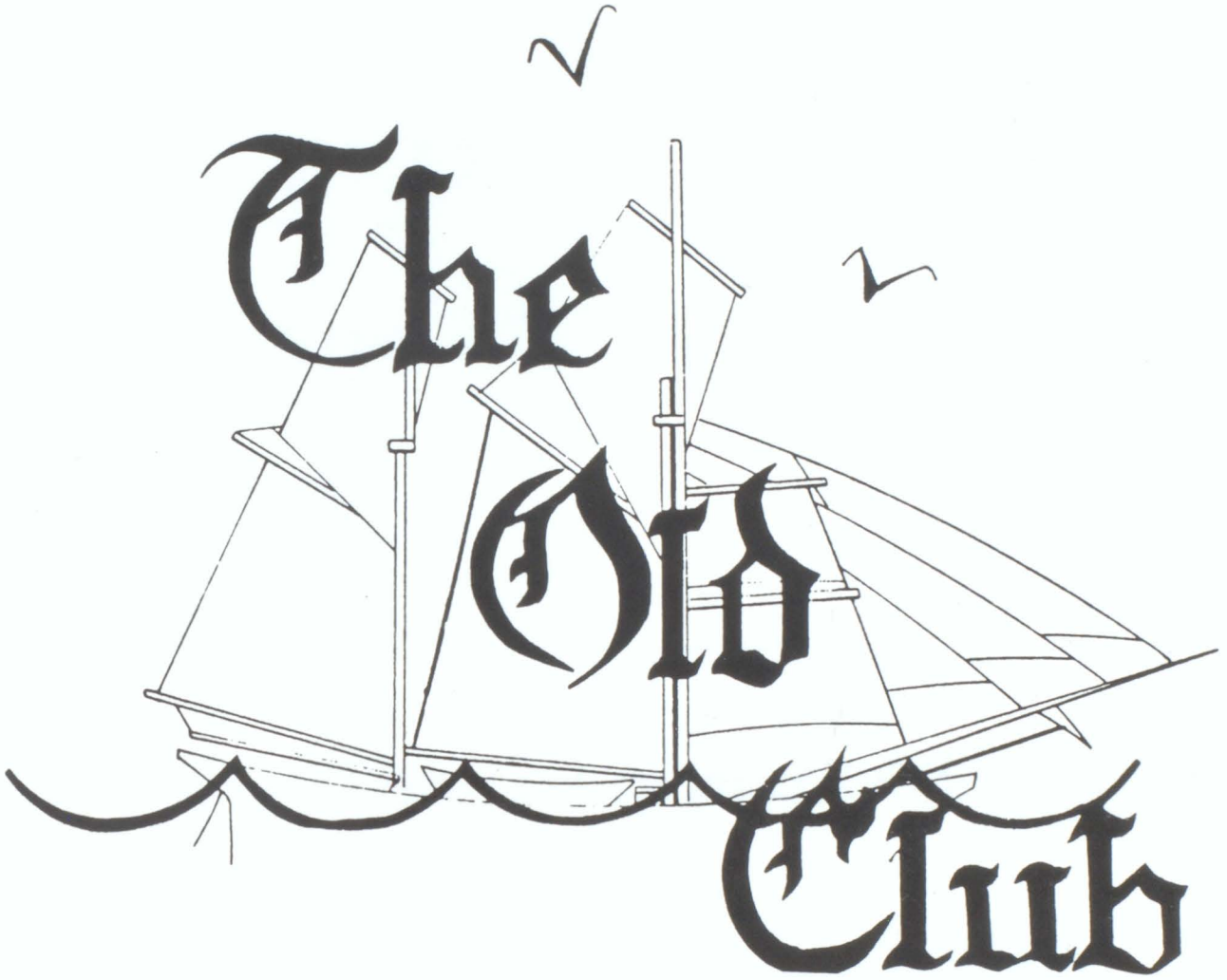
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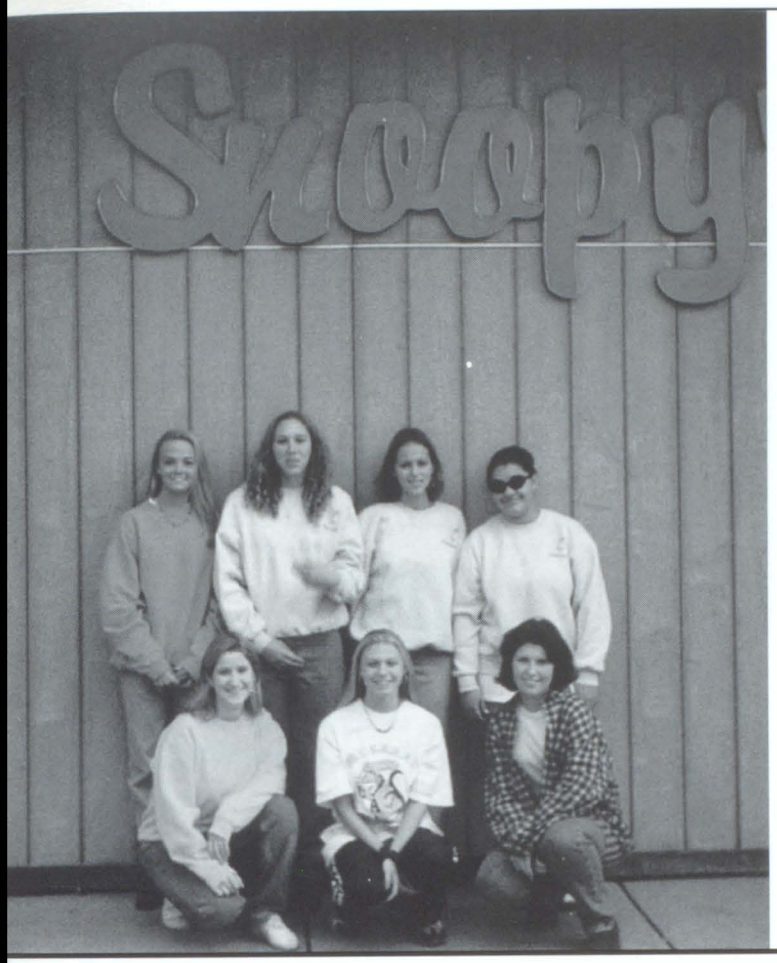
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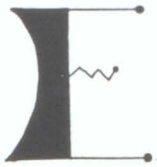


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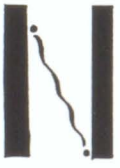
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Wild and crazy... Carey Larabee, Jason Meldrum, Steve Lochbiler, Corry Jobin, and Nick Duprey get just a bit crazy at the newspaper dance in January.



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At the beginning of the year I knew we had our work cut out for us. There were so many new staff members and so many decisions to make. I didn't know how it would all work out, but somehow it did.

I wouldn't trade this year for anything. I have learned so much. I came into this year blind to working with a staff, but I really enjoyed learning. You guys made things so much fun. It wasn't always easy, but I loved every minute of it. Getting a chance to work on it with one of my best friends was more than I could ask for.

I'd like to say thank you to this year's staff. You have worked so hard and it shows. I have every confidence in this book. Thank you for all the extra time you have put in, after school and coming in on your TA hours.

Mrs. Mavis, I'd like to thank you so much for giving me a chance and having faith in me to fill this position. I've really enjoyed my year and the experience I've had. You have been my sounding board and listened to my rants. For this I will be forever grateful.



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Amber

Well, we've finally pulled it off and I've finally accomplished one of my goals. For three years, Yearbook became a part of my everyday life. Now, it will become a memory that has taught me so much from day one.

Before this year even started, I was already having nightmares about missing deadlines and arguments but as the year progressed, our deadlines became easier for us even though many moments were hectic and chaotic.

There were times when I just wanted to walk away and give up but I realized what I was here for. There were even times when I didn't put in my fair share, but I realized that I had to because this book meant the world to me. I wanted it to be the best book *Remembrance* has ever produced.

Everyone pulled together and showed true dedication. We really grew together and worked as a whole staff, not like one staff in the office and the class in the classroom.

I have never seen a staff unite together like weave and that is what has made this year so successful. It's funny because I always waited for the day when something horrible would happen (like years in the past) but it never did. I'm so thankful for that. To next year's staff, you guys have really surprised me. Thank you for all your hard work and putting up with my moods. You have all had an impact on my life. Good Luck next year.

The only person who I couldn't thank enough for al lof her dedication, support and believing in the 1998 staff, and that is Mrs. Ruth Mavis. If it wasn't for her, I don't know what I would've done. Thank you so much. I love you always! Love, Heather

Wow! Where to begin? The year started out a little rocky, but look at us now. With such a cooperative staff, we have accomplished so much this year! Thank you guys for being so patient with us and waiting until we could get to you (which was almost never right away.) Our book has finally come together and now you know the feeling that we've always talked about. (Hopefully, we'll get another Spartan!) Now, it's your turn to "take the reins". I wish the best of luck to you all, both now and in the future. Thank you for making my senior year so memorable.

Amber- We'been through so much this year. you have done a great job as co-editor and I am so proud of you!!! Thank you for putting up my "stupid days" and everything else. It has been so much fun working with you!

Mrs. Mavis- Thank you for all that you have done for us. You've put in so much time and helped out so much for something you rarely ever get recognition for. These three years have given me so much. You mean more to my life than you'll ever know.

Heather- I'm glad that this gave us a chance to get to know each other a little better because this has been such a good experience. You have done such a good job as co-editor. Good luck in the future.

Mom and Dad- Thank-you for being so patient with my lack of time spent at home and all the mood swings that I have had when I have been home. You have always supported everything that I have tried to do, and I will never forget that.

Love, Nicole



Hey baby, wanna dance?. . .Carried out onto the dance floor by Cris Laux, Nick DuPrey shows a touch of his feminine side by cross dressing for the dance on January 20, which was hosted by the *Rat Review*.

From beginning to end, the year was filled with joy, controversial issues, challenges and many different activities. Change was evident with the painted halls, and lockers, brand new faces, the different cafeteria menu and the changes that students create by making new traditions.

Student Council continued to work to promote spirit through the traditional and very popular Homecoming Spirit Week and introduced a Spirit Week in the winter for Mr. Muskrat.

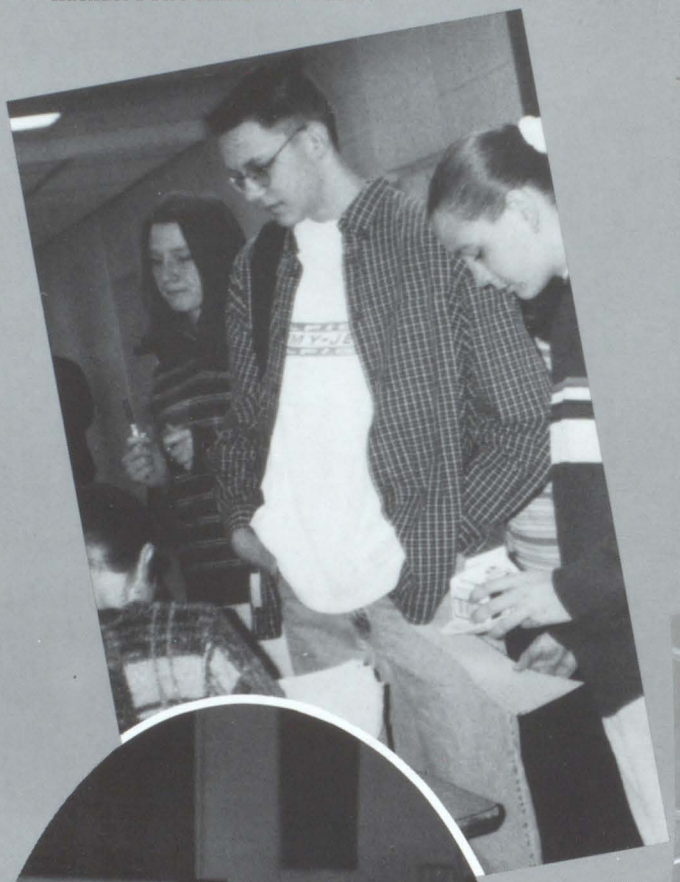
The exam exemption policy was altered once again with all students having to take at least three of their exams at the end of each semester.

In many ways, it was a year of controversy from voting questions to the color concerns, to losing the Mr. Muskrat assembly, to the ever changing focus of the State Education Department moving the dreaded HSPT test to the end of the school year.

In many ways, it was a year of success with sports teams taking top honors, chorus and band continuing to be successful in their competitions and publications continuing to be award winning.

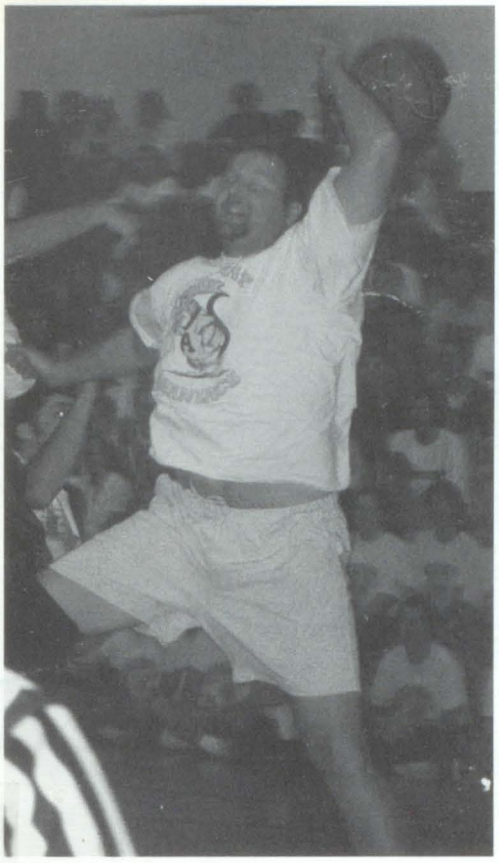
This is how we do it completely highlights the activities and individuals that make up the Muskrat family and Muskrat traditions during this school year. It shows that as a whole, we contribute to every aspect of the school, whether it is changing or everlasting... for 224 pages it has been our job to show this is how we did it...

Compatibility Cupids. . .With Valentine's day right around the corner, Rat Review staff members Theresa Stahl and Angi Gerald sell the computer generated compatibility sheets to curious students Rachael Petre and Chris Patrias.

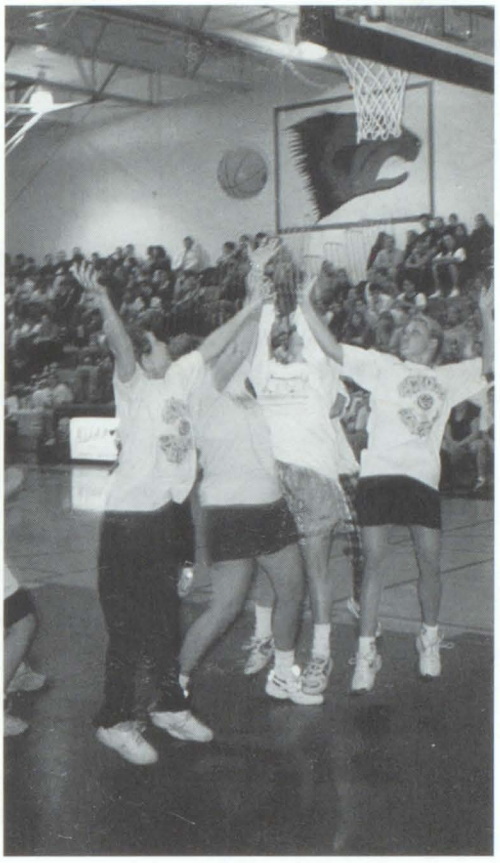




Chug-A-Mug for class points. . .With MUG Rootbeer everywhere, junior Andy Boyd and senior Adam Henderson compete with each other to see who could drink the rootbeer the fastest at the Homecoming pep assembly.



Coach Meldrum going up strong... Oops, sorry. Dustin Boyd just packed you.



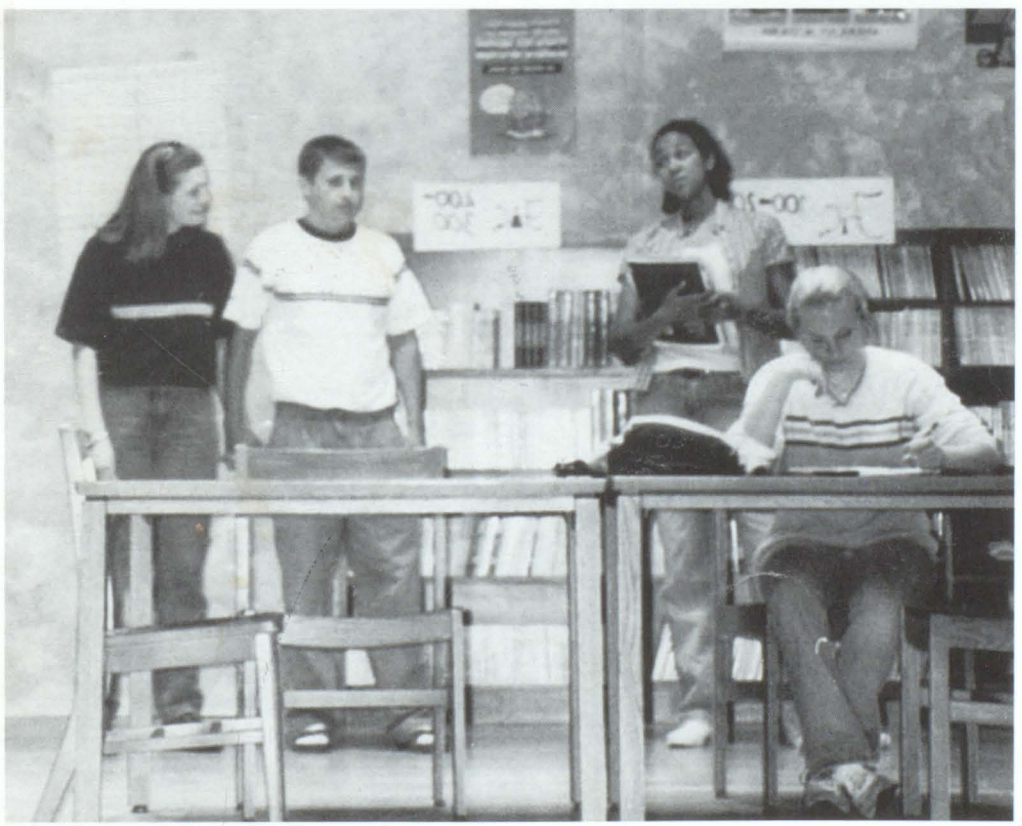
All out brawl... The Senior girls fight for the rebound with the lady faculty players.

One Loss That's Hard to Swallow

The Senior vs. the Faculty basketball game was held on Friday, May 1. The senior team once again aimed for a win, but were defeated by the faculty. Each senior got to play only 5 minutes a piece. The teachers, on the other hand, were able to play over 10 minutes each. "I think it's unfair that the basketball coaches get to play and the players can't. I would like to see more fair teams play next year," Michael Gohl.

The teachers just simply kept making their baskets, staying close to the fundamentals of the game. It seemed that scoring was no hard task for them.

The seniors, on the other hand, were looking to outrun the older and slower teachers. Of course the seniors didn't let the teachers win without a fight or trying out a few tricks they had up their sleeves. With senior varsity basketball players Corry Jobin and Steve Lochbiler dressed as girls, the seniors still lost a tough battle.



Going For Hollywood... Christina Coughlin, Ray Clark, Katy Basehore, Becki Besaw, and Melanie Foster try their best to remain in character on the set of Rainy Days, Stormy Nights.

Rainy Days, Stormy Nights

Rainy Days, Stormy Nights was a play put on by the students. It was both written and directed by the students. Director Annie Rockwood, Stage Manager Margeaux Peters, and play writer James Fernandez worked together to put together the play performed on stage.

"The play took three months to write. Everyone involved did excellent. A couple falling problems the first night but, it didn't effect the play. From the middle of the play to the end I rewrote it," said James Fernandez.

Actors and Actresses included Josh Burr, Amy Howard, Christina Coughlin, Katy Basehore, Ray Clark, Melanie Foster, James Fernandez, Becki Besaw, and Matt Shelly.

The play was about a girl named Alex that gets beat by her alcoholic father. She hides it from everyone except for her friend Hank. Zeke, Alex's boyfriend doesn't even know. Finally Alex can't take the stress anymore and attempts suicide with a gun. Fortunately, the attempt is a failure.

What A Year

New field and a top 10 ranking in the state.

A high-ranked varsity boys baseball team and a determined J.V. boys team ended their seasons with strong performances. "The league record could've been better, but we expect to win the districts," said Andy Boyd.

One of the many successful games for the varsity team was against Marine City. Algonac overpowered the Mariners with a score of 10-0. Mike Bristol and Mike Vigneron led the pitching attack, throwing a one-hit shut-out. Strong offensive performances were made by Hector DeSaedeleer who hit a home-run in the top of the fourth and Andy Boyd who in turn, hit two doubles to seal off the win. "This year started out real strong although we've struggled toward the middle. We look to turn it on during districts,"said senior co-captain Fred Makinen.

The Mt. Clemens game proved to be a strong victory for the J.V. team, ending with an 11-1 victory. Chuck Hines led the way with two home runs along with star performances by Jim Elliot, Mike Dandron, and Kevin Meldrum who also added home runs. "We played like a team. I thought the year was fun although we didn't accomplish all of our goals," said Kevin Meldrum.

Another outstanding win for the varsity boys was attained when playing the Blue Devils of Richmond. To lead the offense in hitting were Evan Jarvi, Hector DeSaedeleer, and Andy Boyd who each had home runs, ending the game 12-0. Mike Vigneron had another outstanding pitching performance.

The J.V. boys baseball team had a very stressful season, but with hard work and determination, they got through the season. "I thought we played pretty good this year although we could've played better," said Nick Matzka.

The Varsity Boys baseball team finished the season with several accomplishments including a double defeat of cross-town rival Marine City, and being ranked ninth in the state by the Coaches Association ranking poll.

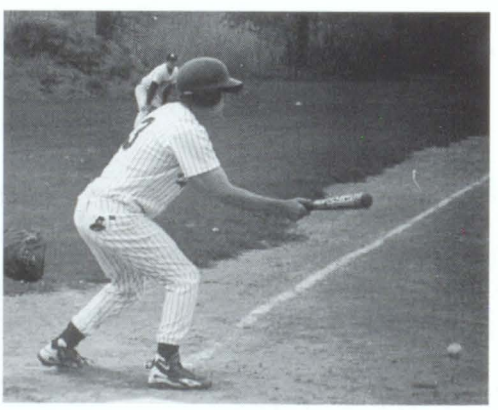
Drilling the ball... Jesse Maxwell hits the ball for an R.B.I at a home game.



Throwing with accuracy... Another "K" for Mike Vigneron as he pitches the ball with all he's got.



Bunting with style... J.V. baseball member Rich Carithers goes for a nice bunt to advance the runners.





Varsity Baseball: *Front Row:* Mike Vigneron, Rusty McCone, KJ Dandron, John Pitrucelle, Mike Bristol, Ray Ladochi, Ben Coomer *Back Row:* Coach Mike Sharrow, Andy Boyd, Zac Sharrow, Evan Jarvi, Hector DeSaedeleer, Fred Makinen, Jesse Maxwell, Coach Peter Boyd



JV Baseball: *Front Row:* Ryan Schroerlucke, Matt Harris, Dave Bishop, Jermaine Holland, T.A. Stringer *Back Row:* Coach Gary Griffin, Kevin Meldrum, Chuck Hines, Nick Matzka, Jim Murray, Matt Hepburn



Taking the pitch... Mike Vigneron waites for a perfect pitch.

On the sidelines

"It's been a very good season. Some of the highlights were going 12-0, being ranked as high as ninth in the state and possibly winning 20 games in a season which as not been done since '73," said varsity baseball coach Mr. Mike Sharrow.

"We had a very successful season could have been better, but we expect to win the districts," said varsity player Zac Sharrow.

"While playing this year at Marine City we played very well because we were up for the game and ready for another victory,"said varsity player Andy Boyd.

"We Started the season pretty good, but lost a few key players although it was a fun year," said J.V. player Chuck Hines.

"We came in and played as a team against Imlay City, and we executed well," said varsity player Evan Jarvi.

"We mercied teams when we played well together," said varsity player Mike Bristol.

"We had a good overall season, we should also be strong next year as well," said varsity player Mike Vigneron.

"We had a lot of fun this year and I'm glad I got to play with such good athletes in my final year," said varsity co-captain Hector DeSaedeleer.



Throwing a strike... Pitcher Kevin Meldrum makes perfect pitches throughout the game.



Helping out... Catcher Hector DeSaedeleer backs up the play to first base.





Enthusing the team... Coach Sharrow expresses to his team how good they are playing.

Gunning the runner... Hector DeSaedeleer throws a runner out trying to steal.

Angels in the Outfield

The varsity softball team started their season out with high expectations. With a team dominated by 14 seniors they thought they were unstopable. There are also two rookies; one junior and one sophomore. Although their record may not show it, the girls played well and made major improvements this season. They had some good games against tough teams including Richmond, Marine City, and Anchor Bay.

One of the highlights of the season was "playing well against Richmond in our first game with them,"said Coach Dennis York. Another was,"We all got along well and the year was fun,"said senior Erica Worthen.

Even though the team came out with a losing record, they fought hard, played well, and improved their game performance. The girls did come out of the season with a win. They won the MAC Sportsmanship Award.

The Junior Varsity softball team fought hard this year to have a winning season. Their overall record is 12 wins; 9 losses. "We did unusually well this year. Our team is very close and we played very good together," said Sophomore catcher Carmen Goerlich.

The girls won games against tough teams like Anchor Bay, St. Clair, and Marysville. Sophomore Jessica Williams led the team with her pitching. The main hitters for the year were freshmen Erin Jarvi, Tinesha Tierney, and Emily Maxwell; sophomores Jessica Bark, Carmen Goerlich, and Erika Martin.

"We performed very well this season. Even the games we lost were close." said coach, Mr. C. His most memorable moment of the season was, "Winning the New Haven tournment."

"Over all I think that we had a good year but we couldn't have done it without dedication and good sportsmanship." said freshman Tinesha Tierney.

Strike three... JV player Carmen Goerlich catches the third strike to end the game with a win against Marysville.



I think I can... Making her way to first base Varsity player Annie Rockwood hopes the first basemen drops the ball.



Here it comes... JV pitcher Jessica Williams throws another strike at her opponent.





JV Softball: *Front Row:* Heather Durkee, Erika Martin, Danielle Szymanski, Carmen Goerlich, Sarah Cooper, Jessica Williams, Erin Jarvi. *Back Row:* Mr. Len Cichowski, Shelly Lewis, Mary Kovich, Renee Hornbaker, Jamie Wagner, Emily Maxwell, Jessica Labelle, Tinesha Tierney



Varsity Softball *Front Row* Kristy Baumgartner, Annie Rockwood, Amy Howard, Erica Worthen, Michelle Lupenski, Stacey Bark, Michelle Redmann, Amy Hutchins. *Back Row:* Mr. Dennis York, Liz Dearie, Theresa Rose, Kim Steward, Amy Solomon, Shana Cadena, Melissa Trempler, Melissa Smith, Kate Dearie, Mr. Steve Modrjewski, Mr. Bob Sutton

Ready or not here it comes... Rookie pitcher Amy Hutchins, Varsity, shows off her skills at a home game.



On the side-lines

"70% of all lead-off hitters score."- Varsity player Kate Dearie

"We did pretty good most of the time, but most important we had fun."- Varsity player Melissa Trempler

"The season was fun and I think we did real well."- Junior Varsity player Renee Hornbaker

"We would like to say 'Good Luck' to next year's Varsity team and 'Kick Butt'. — Varsity players Stacey Bark and Michelle Lupenski

"My dad packs the best bench-lunches."- Varsity player Liz Dearie

"The season was good and the best game was when we finally beat Marysville. — Junior Varsity player Jamie Wagner

"Softball was fun this year. I'm glad I played. We were tough to beat and York is going to miss us all. Have a good one seniors."- Varsity player Amy Solomon







Putting it down... After bunting the ball, sophomore J.V. player Jessica Bark runs hard for first base, making it there safely.

Streeeeeetch... Varsity player Shana Cadena gets low to the ground to field a bunt put down by an Imlay City player.

Down and dirty... Varsity player Michelle Lupenski slides safely into home plate advancing another run towards the win against Mt. Clemens.

Girls Track Continues Award-Winning Tradition

Lady Muskrats come out undefeated once again, winning every dual meet, placing first in their division for the third year in a row! The team opened the season impressively, placing fourth in their division at the Saginaw Valley State University Invitational.

Unlike last year, girl pole vaulters were given the chance to vault every meet and earn points toward the team score. "It gives the girls another opportunity to prove themselves says," said Angie Gerald. Mr. Sam Dobbs coached both the girls and boys. The lady pole vaulters earned 16 points in the Regional competition alone.

After winning Regionals for the second year in a row, the girls qualified for the first ever, team states in Corruna. "Words can't describe the pride I have for this team. They met every challenge presented to them and won another league championship, a regional title, four invitationals and competed in the first ever team state finals. They were "wizards" on the track!" said Coach Dan Shafer. Records were broken by four people this year. Sarah Nowicki in high jump at 5'3, Amy Sampson in pole vault at 8 feet, Cathy Piotrowski in the 800 meter run, and Sandy Harrington in the 400 meter dash.

Sandy Harrington says,"My most memorable moment was when our team took 1st place at regionals and breaking the school record in the 400 meter dash that same night!"

On Saturday, April 18th, the Lady Muskrats attended the Port Huron Husky relays and came home with a 1st place trophy. The girls medaled in every event except one and brought home a total of 75 medals. Cathy Piotrowski, Angi Gerald, Justine Raymond and Sandy Harrington took 1st place in the 2400 meter relay. Amanda Hardy, Jennifer Lenik and Amy Sampson took a 2nd place in the pole vault.

On Friday, April 24th, the girls attended the Anchor Bay Relay's which consisted of class A and class B schools. The girls brought home an over-all 1st place trophy, medaling in every event. Nicole Cameron, Adrian Richardson, and Julie Walter's took 1st in the shot put, breaking the meet record.

The girls team continued their impressive season, winning our own Muskrat Classic and outscoring 21 other teams. This marks the 3rd consecutive year the girls have won the classic. The award-winning tradition continues...



Track:*First Row:* Margeaux Peters, Megan Taylor, Kristy Bizzotto, Julie Walters, Amanda Hardy, Angie Gerald, Sarah Nowicki, Cassie Bommarito, Jennifer Lenik, Nicole Cameron, Christina Coughlin, Amber Brackett *Second Row:*Coach Justin Filzek,Becki Besaw, Shannon Allor, Melody Love, Christine Worswick, Jessica Zoss, Cathy Piotrowski, Jodie Mackie, Amy Sampson, Sarah Donaldson, Sandy Harrington, Stacie Sniezek, Chantelle Gendron, Crystal Billiu, Coach Mark Simms *Third Row:* Rachael Petre, Joy Morris, Brandalynn Hathaway, Sarah Prudhomme, Jenae Ferrell, Sara Claerhout, Kristin Schrader, Sheri Peterson, Justine Raymond, Amy Letourneau, Cheryl Claeys, Erin Richardson, Ruth McLennan, Susie Peterson, Coach Lori Katlein *Back Row:* Coach Dan Shafer, Jessica Walters, Jennifer Phelan, Amy Burr, Lindsay Meldrum, Kelly Welch, Kelly Charlesworth, Elizabeth Schrader, Erica Baker, Erin Montgomery, Elyse Packard, Jessica Mackie, Caryn Goral, Carla Tabor, Nicole Haack, Lauren Wummel, Christina Massaglia, Melissa Boatman, and Diane Gillespie

On The Sidelines

"My most memorable moment was when Paul McMullen came to talk to us. I think it influenced our outlook on the season." Sophomore track member Kristin Schrader

"I had a lot of fun with the distance team, going to Island drive and back every day!" Junior distance runner, Joy Morris

"I think it was a really good season because we worked together as a team and it was fun." Junior thrower, Christine Worswick



Going for the win... Angie Gerald strives to keep her lead in the 100 hurdles during a home meet.



Displaying good sportsmanship... Jennifer Rupersburg, in an effort to be hospitable at a home track meet, congratulates Marine City runner Anne Wisneski.





Quicken the pace... Sandy Harrington and Megan Taylor hand-off in the two mile relay while trying to maintain their lead in the race.



Waiting patiently... Cathy Piotrowski poses for a picture while catching her breath between races during the Marysville Invitational.

Using full strength... Nicole Cameron aims for thirty feet as she makes another attempt at one of the Muskrat's home meets.

Ready... Set... Go!

Boys track continues success.

This year the guys track team finished with a record of 7-1in the M.A.C. Blue Division. They had 19 returning letter winners and were a senior dominated team. The team has had its ups and downs. They went through many injuries. "We questioned if we built a good team, but the dual meet against St.Clair proved that we did. We had 15 runners out with an injury, sickness or ineligible and still came away winning by 25 pts. Everybody did a good job. The underclassmen stepped up and won some events for us," said the coaching staff. The team had a rough year. They started out very well but suffered a close loss to Marine City.

The guys finished third in Regionals behind Marysville and to Marine City who won the title. With the team finishing third, some of the runners were not yet finished. Sam Dobbs, Todd Faulman, Chris Laux and Dustin Boyd broke the record in the 4 x 100 meter relay and competed in the state meet. The team said, "It was a true expression of our hopes and dreams." Others going to compete in the state meet are: Sam Dobbs in the 110 Meter Hurdles and the Pole Vault. He was the Regional Champ in both. Steve Lochbiler, Rick Hornbaker, Shane Trempler, and Noah Weiss qualified in the 4 x 400 meter relay. Rick Hornbaker also qualified in the 1600 meter run and Noah Weiss also qualified in the 800 meter run. "We expect to do good next year, but we are losing a lot of seniors", said sophomore Brian McCullough. So the team next year will have to work just as hard to keep up the tradition of the guys track team.

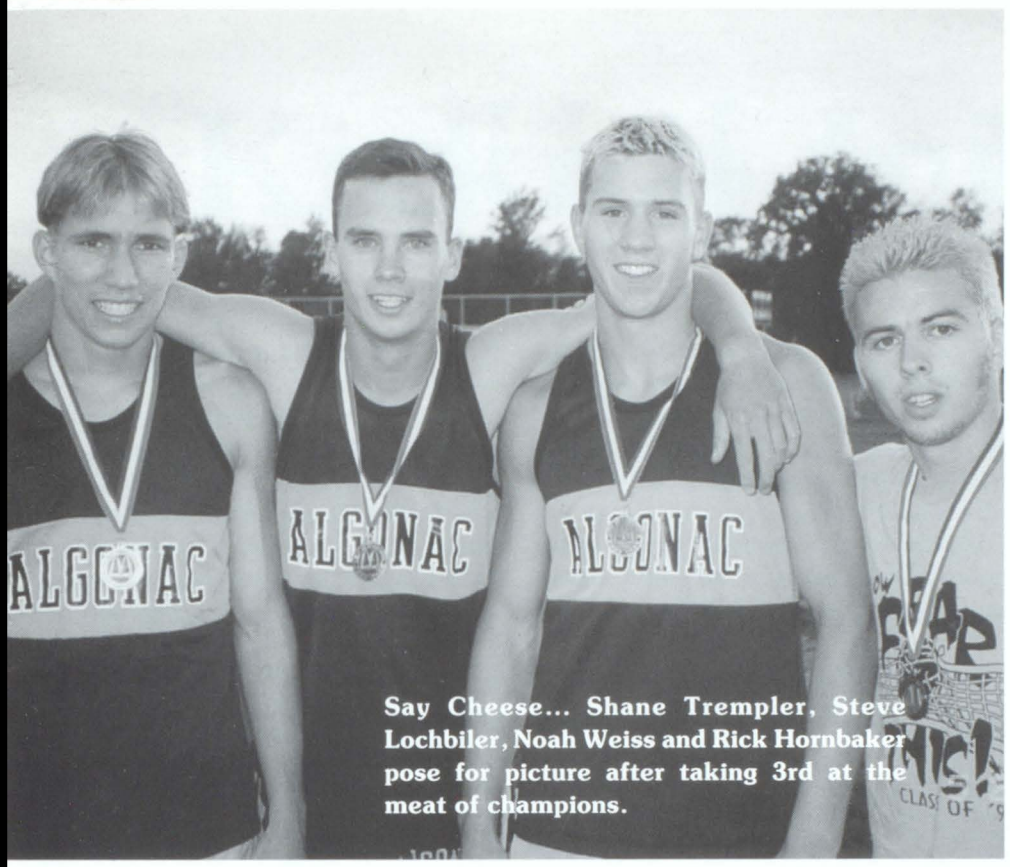


Track: *Front Row:* Jeff Werner, Todd Atherton, Rick Hornbaker, Nick Duprey, Chris Laux, Loren Myny, Jayson Breitmeyer, Corry Jobin, Steve Lochbiler. *Second Row:* Chris Zamborowski, Jeremy Woolcock, Todd Faulman, Mike Bender, John Runde, Pat Thomas, Noah DeLange, Sam Dobbs, Rick Prudhomme, Clayton Byerly, James Mertz, James Kandler. *Third Row:* Brian McCullough, Joe Treppa, Noah Weiss, Paul Meldrum, Rob Sampier, Shawn Martin, Dave Kavanaugh, Ian Conyers, Paul Owens, Mike Peterson, Chris Stafford. *Back Row:* Coach Justin Filzek, Coach Mark Simms, Matt Bruce, Ryan Tilly, Adam Hallman, Dave Clemons, Derek Kmetz, Joe Muckenthaler, Scott Stay, Matt Moroschan, Eric May, Sebastian Wolski, Chris Patrias, Joe Jones, Eric Short, Zach Carl, Mario Mascone, Shane Trempler, John Henderson, Ted Berger, Coach Mike Taylor



Handing off... Rick Prudhomme gives the baton to Nick Duprey in the 4 x 200 meter relay.

On The Sidelines



Say Cheese... Shane Trempler, Steve Lochbiler, Noah Weiss and Rick Hornbaker pose for picture after taking 3rd at the meat of champions.

"Going to states was an experience that I will never forget. The competition level was amazing! I hope that I will have an opportunity to compete at this meet again," said Noah Weiss.

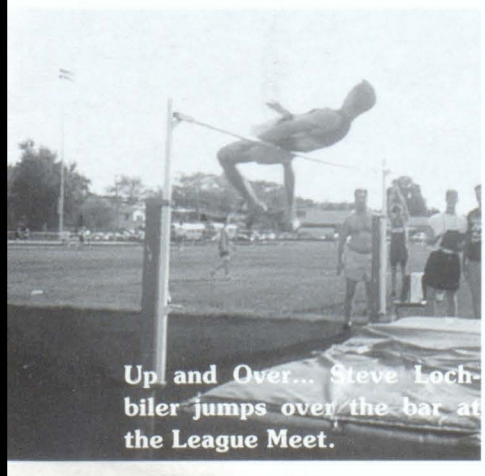
"I'm really glad I came out for track. I had a lot of fun doing backside 180's over the pole vault bar," said Clayton Byerly.



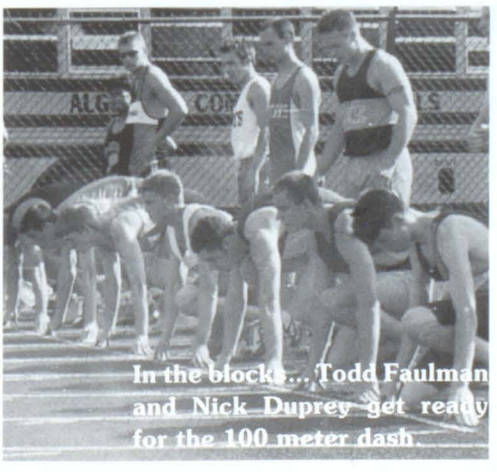
Hurdling... Sam Dobbs strives for the finish.



"The season of 1998 was an up and down season! We reached about a third of our original goals! I'm still really proud of this years team," said Coach Taylor.



Up and Over... Steve Lochbiler jumps over the bar at the League Meet.



In the blocks... Todd Faulman and Nick Duprey get ready for the 100 meter dash.

Serving It Up...

With strong ambitions and high spirits, Algonac was on their way to a successful season. "We started off great this season winning our first league match, but we hit some tough teams in the middle of the season that made it a little difficult," said Coach Chris Meldrum. Algonac started the season with a league win against Warren Fitzgerald and finished with an overall record of 4 wins, 3 losses and 1 tie.

Hard competition and very hot weather were among the many challenges the team faced. The tennis team had to play through an abnormally hot spring. "I think the hardest part about tennis was the 90 degree weather," said Brent Gossett.

As in all sports, winning is not always the most important aspect of the game. Having fun is also very important. Rick Rank says, "Our team was laid back and knew how to have fun."

The Muskrats, who will only lose two players to graduation, look forward to coming back with an experienced team next year. Even though most of the muskrats' competition had more experience, the tennis team showed they could play with the best of them. Coach Meldrum said, "All in all it was a good season."

Over the net... Stuart Wenz backhands a shot for a point against his opponent. Stuart was partners with Joe Krum on a doubles team.



Here it comes... Gary Haack moves in to smack the ball back at his opponent during a doubles match.





Tennis: *Front Row:* Tom Koehler, Brent Gossett, Rick Rank, Clint Grant, Gary Haack, Michael Conaster. *Second Row:* Joe Krum, Dave Minter, Tom Funke, Brent Stevison, Stuart Wenz, Kevin Baker. *Back Row:* Coach Chris Meldrum, Gary Altman, Eric Donaldson, Steve LaParl, Nathan Rhadigan, Ed Romesburg.



Game! Set! Match!... As part of the top four singles, Rick Rank serves up an ace against his opponent.

Kicking It Up....

The Algonac girls soccer team has finished their second season as a club sport. The team is considered a club sport for two years and then has the chance to become a varsity sport if all requirements are met.

This years team was coached by Jeff Welchner and the captains were senior, Katie Atherton and junior, Nicole DuVernay

"This year's girls were very exciting to coach. I forgot how different coaching girls would be from coaching the boys," said Jeff Welchner. "Being a captain this year was a very good challenge for me. We had a lot of fun this year and I can't wait till next year," said Nicky DuVernay. Soccer is not just physical it's a mind game too. "I liked playing goal because I liked to antagonize the other teams forwards. Making them upset caused them to play bad therefore making me look good," said Vicki Boyll.

This was the first year for the girls soccer team to make it into the second round of districts beating Cross Lex five to one. "I think that winning at districts proved to the team that we could do it. It let us know we a better team than some people gave us credit for," said Teressa Zelenock.

Getting it together... The are getting ready to play in the second round of districts against Waren Fitzgarld.



Cooling off... Jessica Baumgartner, Teressa Zelenock and Katie Atherton take time out for a picture after returing from a quick dip in the river to get cooled down.





Soccer: *Front Row:* Teressa Zelenock, Katie Atherton, Stephanie Goral, Jennifer Green, Heather Castle. *Second Row:* Amanda Sharrow, Krissy Savinsky, Morgan Bell, Nicole DuVernay. *Back Row:* Jackie Bolia, Danielle Eder, Vicki Boyll, Robin Hornbaker, Jessica Baumgartner, Krystal Brisse, Coach Jeff Welchner



I got it... Krissy Savinsky fights for the ball in a home game against St. Clair.

"Almost Paradise"

Prom, the most popular dance of the year finally came about on May 9, 1998. Crystal Gardens in Marysville is where the Junior class chose to hold the event, with "Almost Paradise" as the theme and song. The colors were silver, gold, and off white.

Once everyone had arrived and taken pictures, dinner was served. One by one students entered the dance floor to the sounds of the Four Guys DJ Service ready to dance the night away. Senior Fred Makinen said, "I had a lot of fun this year at prom.I'm going to miss these kinds of events where I get to hang out with all of my friends."

At 10pm everyone gathered around anxiously awaiting the crowning of the king and queen. Junior student council members announced Steve Lochbiler as king, and Kate and Liz Dearie as queens. "It was an unexpected honor to be crowned king. I hada lot of fun at prom, but this made it an even better night.",said Steve Lochbiler. Kate Dearie said," I was shocked to hear my name, and I was glad I got to share it with Liz." Liz Dearie replied,"The best part about being queen was that I got to share it with my sister."

The annual garter ceremony, more dancing, and pictures concluded this memorable evening. Stacie Parsons said, "This was the first dance that I got to go with someone I really liked, and so that made it an even better time."

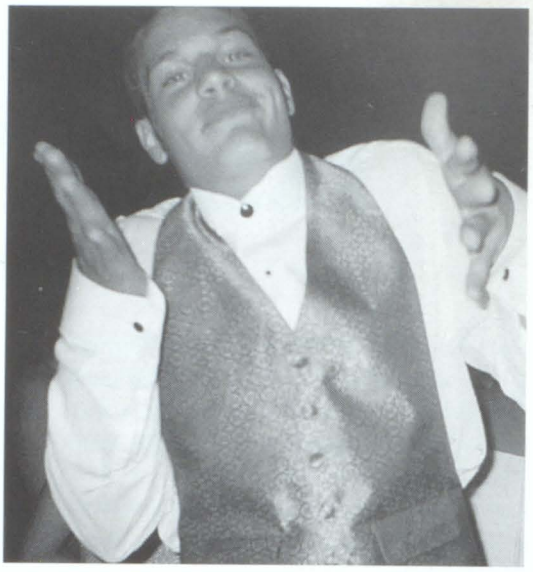


"We did a lot of fundraisers to prepare for prom, and all the work paid off because it turned out really good. I was happy to see that most of the people stayed until the end, because that meant they were having a good time."

Junior Class President Amy Sampson

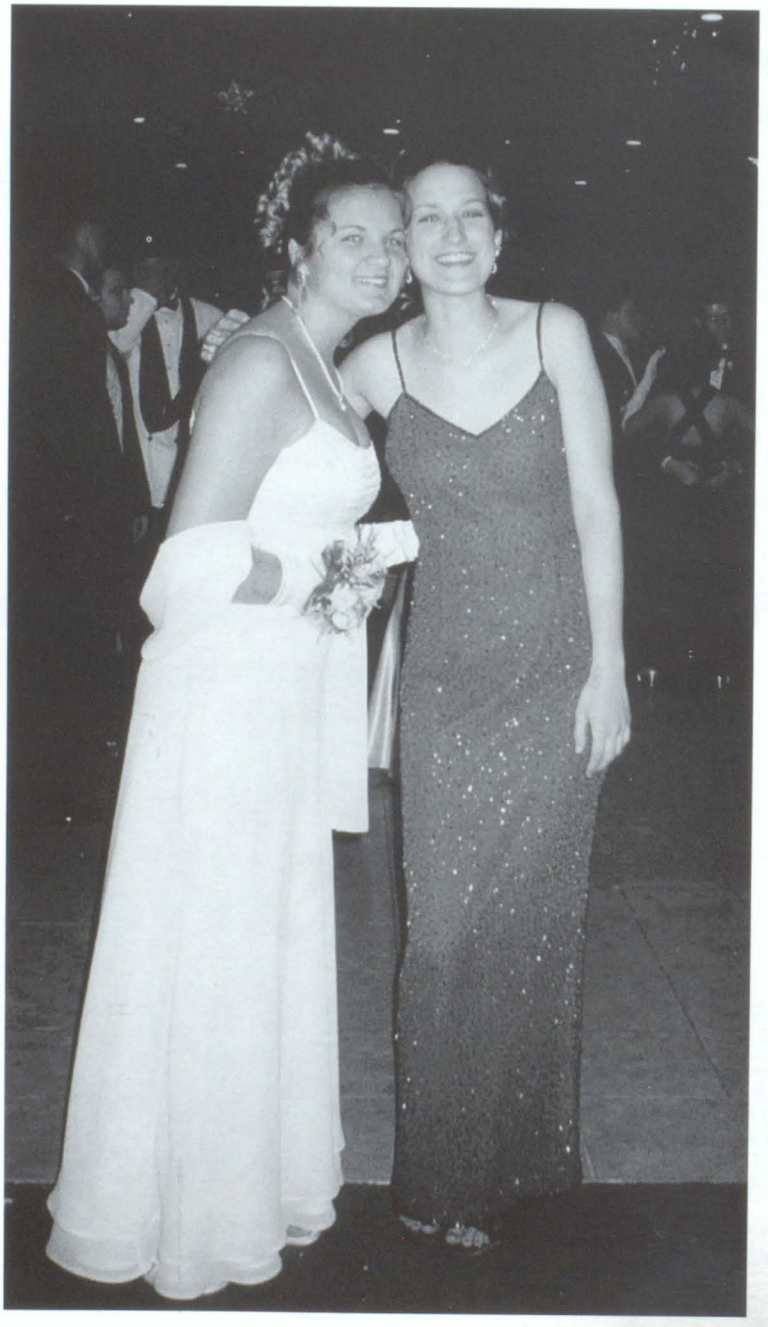


Dance Fever... Junior class Vice-President Tara Nixon has fun out on the dance floor, showing off her new moves to her friends.



What's Up... Senior Fred Makinen takes to the dance floor to bust a move at his last prom, one of the final events of being a senior.

Say Cheese... Long time friends Margeaux Peters and Cassi Bommarito take time out from dancing to strike a pose in their fab dresses for a picture as a memory of their spectacular evening.





Showing some leg... Senior girls Margeaux Peters, Christina Coughlin, Shana Cadena, Courtney Pioszak, Lori Smith, Katy Basehore, Melissa Smith, Amber Brackett, Amy Howard, Sarah Nowicki, Stephanie Zryd, Theresa Stahl, Katie May, and Annie Rockwood gathered on the staircase to take the ever so popular garter picture, as a memory of their last prom.

Having a blast at prom... Loren Myny took all the necessary preperations for prom. He got his tux, a nice little purse, new glasses, and he even got his nails done.





A king and his queens... After being crowned and receiving their flowers, king Steve Lochbiler and queens Liz and Kate Dearie took the floor to dance to the song "Almost Paradise" while smiling for the dozens of pictures.



Getting down on the dance floor... Senior Ray Clark and Junior Becky Besaw participate in the popular alligator dance that had prom goers rolling around on the dance floor.

Striving for Excellence

On Friday, May 29, 1998, students, faculty, and family gathered in the AHS Gymnasium to recognize the Class of 1998 for their achievements. Awards were presented to seniors who have excelled in scholarship, citizenship, community service, musical vocation and participation in athletic activities.

"I was very shocked when I won the National Honor Society Scholarship Award. I thought only NHS officers won it," said Top Ten graduate Jason Meldrum.

As the strong tradition continues, the assembly also honors faculty members. Mrs. Sandra Bade won the Beyond the Books Award, an award given to a teacher who participates in activities out of the classroom as well as demonstrating excellent teaching strategies.

The class of 1998 is a very competitive class as well. Many athletes who played sports carried high grade point averages. There are four valedictorian this year and one salutatorian.

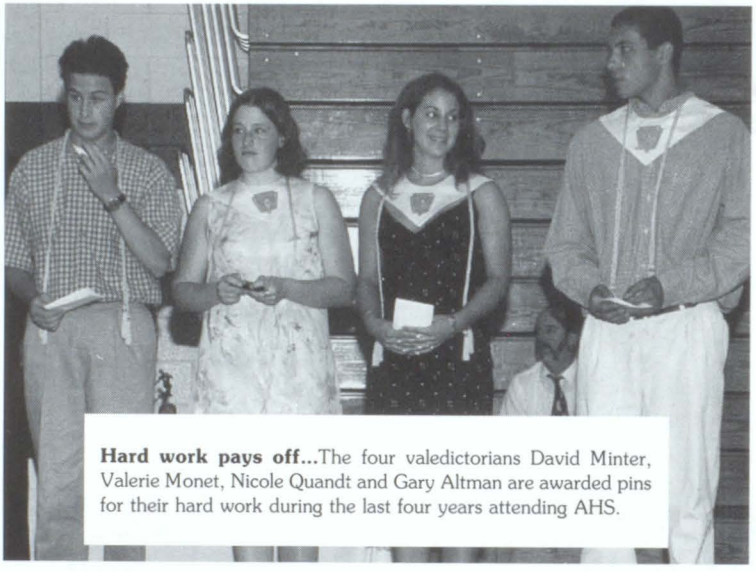
"I could not believe how many students received an award for being on the honor roll. We actually had to take a break while Mr. Baldwin was recognizing them. It seems our class is a group of students who really strive for excellence," said Ben Clark.

Students Council played a big role at the assembly. Mrs. Paula Johnson, StudentCouncil Advisor recognized senior student council members and announced the new student council officers and representatives. Senior Class President Margeaux Peters handed over the traditional good luck horseshoe to the new Senior Class President, Noah Weiss.

At the end of the assembly, the seniors made their way out of the gym as the Class of 1999 was able to proudly move to the empty senior seats knowing they are the next to graduate.

Dedication is the key... Senior Katy Basehore is awarded an $80,000 check from the United States Marine Corps for enlisting in the Marines. She will be serving the next eight years of her life in the Marine Corps.





Hard work pays off...The four valedictorians David Minter, Valerie Monet, Nicole Quandt and Gary Altman are awarded pins for their hard work during the last four years attending AHS.



Rewarding work...Mrs. Sandra Bade is awarded the Beyond the Books Award by Student Council President Nicole Cameron. Only one staff member is awarded this prestigious award every year at the assembly.



1998 Award Winners:Front row, Kate Dearie, Theresa Stahl, Lori Smith, Amber Brackett, Rebecca Gates, Erica Worthen, Heather Rymar, Annie Rockwood, and James Fernandez. Back row, Kim Steward, Steve Lochbiler, Rick Hornbaker, Jason Solgot, Angela Gerald, Shana Cadena, and Nicole Cameron.

A Long Awaited Day

Saturday, June 6, was a long awaited day for the class of 1998. After thirteen years of hard work it was time to graduate.

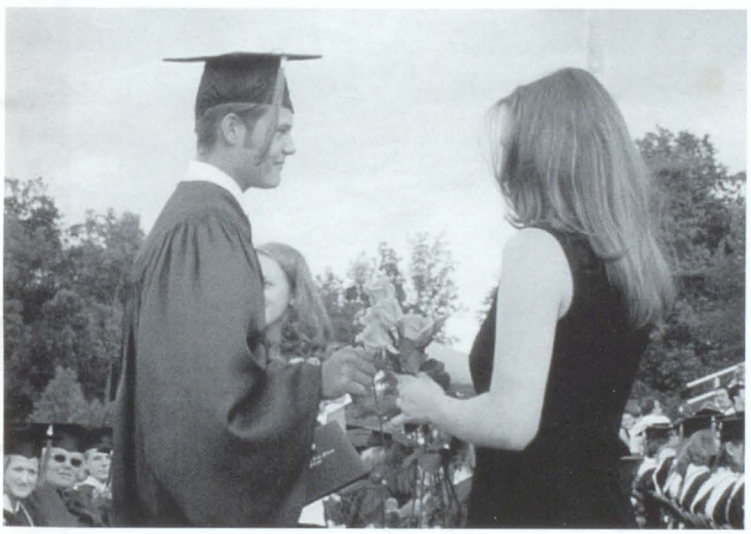
It was a cool, somewhat dreary day, but the clouds parted long enough to let these deserving seniors shine through. The stands were filled with excited friends and family members some bearing signs wishing the graduates good luck.

Led by valedictorians; Gary Altman, Carey Larabee, and Nicole Quandt and salutatorian Valerie Monet, the class of '98 filed to their seats accompanied by the band. A musical selection was performed by the Rainbow Connection directed by Mr.Dennis McMaken. The ceremony continued on with heartfelt speeches by the academic leaders of the class.

One by one the graduating seniors were given their well earned diplomas by the members of the Algonac School Board. After each had received their diploma, senior class president Margeaux Peters presently to the crowd "the graduated class of 1998." Throwing their caps into the air in celebration, the class of 1998 is now one step closer to the future.

A ticket into the future... Rick Hornbaker receives his diploma from school board president Maryann Drob.





With honors... As members of NHS and student council Ben Clark and Margeaux Peters wore collars and cords over their gowns.



Together 'til the end... Couple Christina Coughlin and Jason Solgot walked together for the graduation ceremony.





Oh so suave... Fred Makinen receives a flower from junior NHS member Jodie Mackie on his way down the aisle.

Standing proud... After all the girls found their seats they stood to face the audience, their last time together in high school.



A final good-bye... Validictorian Carey Larabee gave a emotional speech during the ceremony, thanking all who had influenced his life.

Let the Dice Roll! Seniors Win Big

The tradition carries on as the seniors entered the school for the Senior All-Night Party. The all-night party is put on by the parents of the seniors, who selected the theme Las Vegas for this year's party. However, this was no surprise to the seniors having been given a pizza party earlier in the year where the theme was revealed. At the luncheon the seniors were given prizes and a look at what would be present at the party.

Besides many of the cafes and restraunt-type areas there were places to burn the calories from the food rooms. There was roller skating, laser tag, volleyball, and basketball. If the seniors muscles got sore they could enjoy a 15 minute neck and shoulder massage. They could also go soak in the jacuzzies in the court yard while enjoying a tropical drink from the Tikki bar.

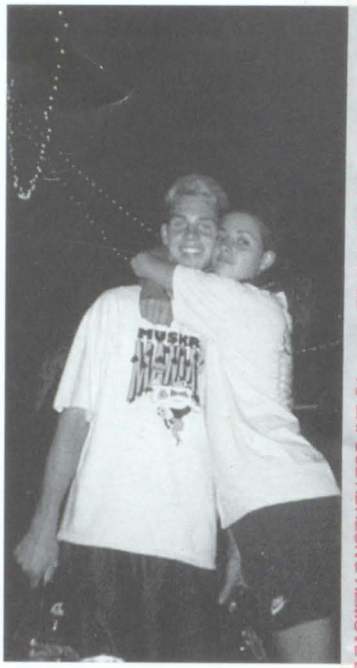
Towards the end of the night the hypnotist arrived to entertain the seniors with his comedic act. Several of the seniors were picked to participate in the show. The hypnotist had them cry, laugh, and made some of them think someone stole their belly button. One of the chosen was Don Maes he said,"It was like a dream, but you couldn't stop it."

"All in all the party was a good way to end the year and our time together as a class," said Erica Worthen.

Getting a new do... Amber Tymczak steps into fashionable curls the night of the party.

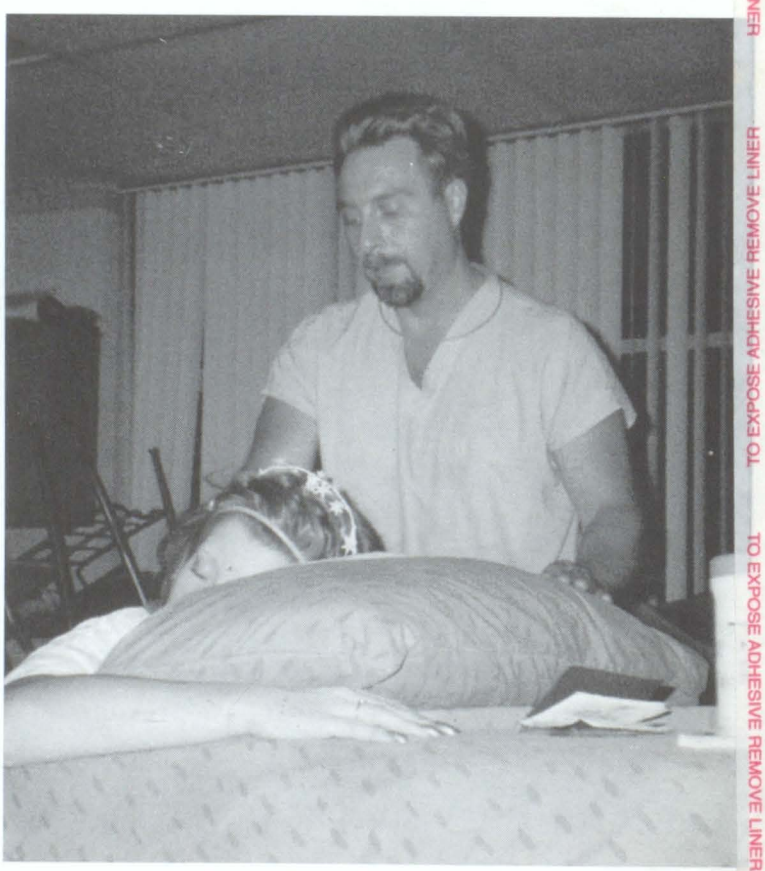


Just having fun... One last time senio had the chance to have a good tim Bobby Schrader and Shana Cadena take break from skating.



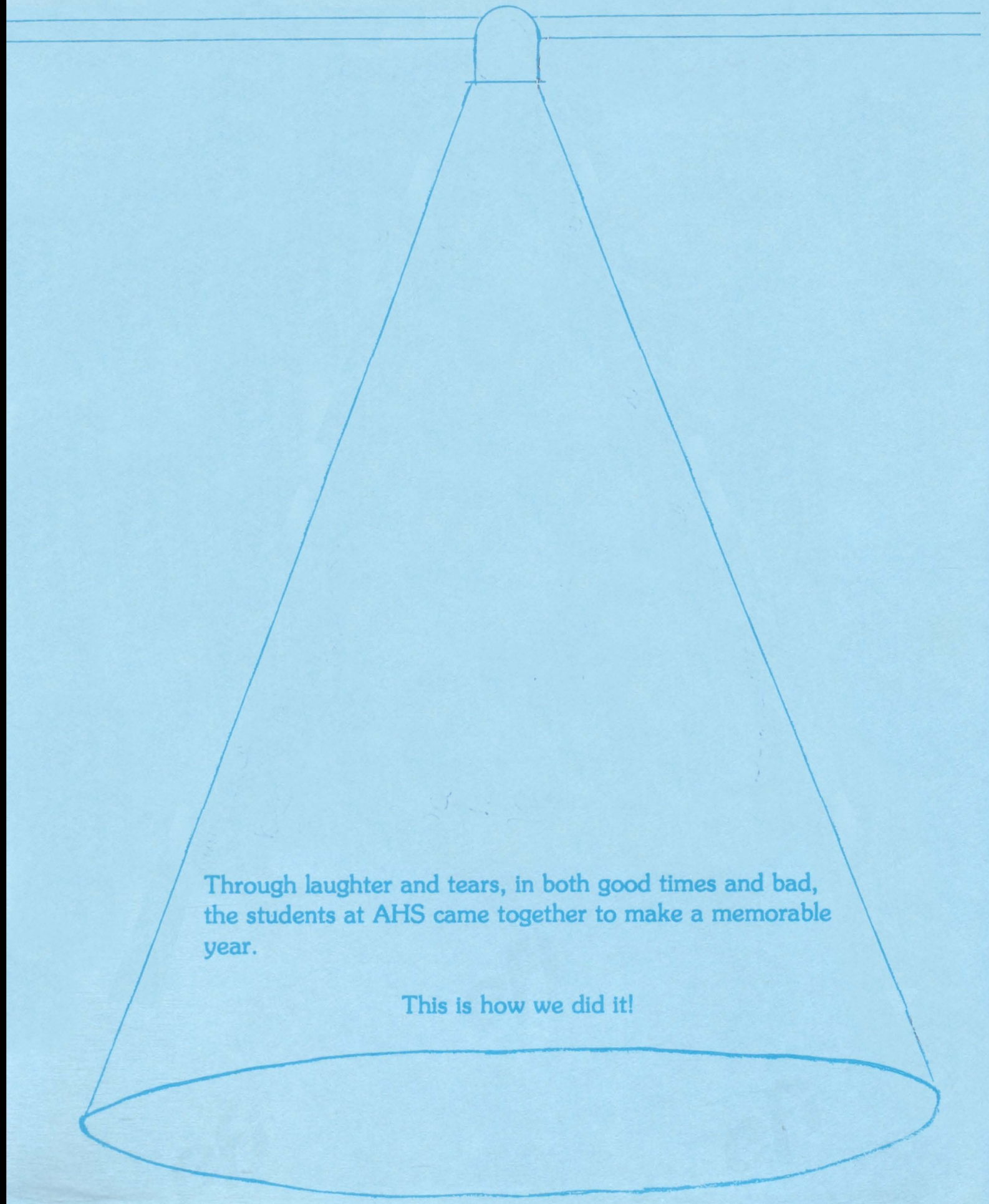


Chance to relax... Valerie Perrin takes advantage of the massage offered during the part.



Tiki.... Getting a cool, refreshing drink from the Tiki Bar is Kelly Langdon.

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Through laughter and tears, in both good times and bad, the students at AHS came together to make a memorable year.

This is how we did it!